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Flat Earth Society Welcomes NSW Government Response to the Special Commission of Inquiry into 'Ice'

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The incredible capability of the NSW Government to ignore the evidence on pill testing and festival safety would make members of the Flat Earth Society extremely proud.

What isn't a joke is that in the past six months we have seen:

- An Independent Evaluation on Pill Testing Australia services at a Canberra festival by the Australian National University – [see report here](#)
- A thorough NSW Coronial Investigation into the deaths of young people at festivals – [see report here](#)
- An extensive review of policies and programs by a Government initiated Special Commission with a hand-picked Commissioner – [see report here](#)

All the above have reviewed available evidence and recommended that pill testing be provided at festivals and fixed site locations – which Pill Testing Australia has already clearly demonstrated it can deliver.

After literally spending tens of millions of dollars of taxpayers' money on Special Commissions and Coronial investigations to review the evidence, the NSW Government response is that it will not support recommendations on pill testing, policing and drug detection dogs as there is "insufficient evidence".

This abject waste of time and money is compounded by the Government's adoption of more policing, more strip searching, more use of dogs and amnesty bins as apparent solutions – all of which have limited, if any, evidence to support their introduction, let alone expansion.

The families and friends of the young people who have tragically lost their lives due to drug use deserve much better.

Indeed, all the people of NSW deserve much better.

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