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Issue: **'QLD Police to be congratulated!'**

[*"Permissibility, availability and accessibility - all increase consumption."* Dalgarno Institute.]

(Justin Brosnan: The Courier-Mail, February 18, 2015 5:33PM).

The Dalgarno Institute applauds the work of the Qld Police in shutting down major drug suppliers on the Gold Coast!

A spokesperson said: "A reduction in availability and access to dangerous drugs is only ever of benefit to the community. The enforcement of the law is particularly relevant to those drugs that are highly addictive such as heroin and ICE and that do so much harm."

He added: "It is increasingly clear that the drug problem is linked to not merely demand drivers (which are fuelled by ever increasing social media propaganda), but very much so, supply drivers as well. We know from evidence that if drugs are scarce or expensive, use and therefore the associated harms do decline."

He went on to say, "The same beneficial effect has been demonstrated by the implementation of earlier closing times and lock-outs for licensed premises that have reduced alcohol and drug-related violence and the prohibition of synthetic drugs that has seen a dramatic decline in psychiatric hospital admissions.

Far from the war on drug suppliers and manufacturers having been lost it has only just begun after years of going soft on those who would harm our most vulnerable citizens."

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