



## PRIME MINISTER

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Many submissions have already been received in response to the Government's invitation for the community to help shape a national campaign against drug abuse.

Most submissions so far have been letters from individuals with suggestions on how particular drug problems could be solved.

The Government will continue to encourage submissions from community groups and individuals until February 16 so that the comprehensive national campaign will reflect community ideas and concerns.

Submissions should be directed to Dr Neal Blewett, Minister for Health, Parliament House, Canberra, 2600, and the envelope marked 'National Campaign Against Drug Abuse'.

The success of the national campaign will largely depend on the ideas and proposals being brought forward to Governments, particularly by community groups and those with special knowledge and experience.

Individuals and voluntary organisations, through submissions and participation in workshops such as that being held by the Alcohol and Drug Foundation of Australia, will play an important role in shaping the campaign.

Ideas received from the community will be shared with all Governments and be available to the Ministerial Committee on Drug Strategy which will meet in March to form recommendations for the forthcoming meeting with State Premiers.

The date of the meeting of Government leaders will be announced as soon as it has been settled with Premiers and the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory.