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# Current Australian Illicit Drug Market

- Methylamphetamine market poses the highest level of risk to Australia
- High demand and lucrative profits
- Devastating impact on Australian communities



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# Size of the illicit drug market

Based on wastewater consumption estimates, in 2016–17 Australian Federal Police seized:



Around a **quarter** of the **heroin** needed to meet national demand



**Over 40 per cent** of the **methylamphetamine** needed to meet national demand



The **total weight** of **MDMA** needed to meet national demand



**In excess of the total weight** needed to meet national demand for **cocaine**

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# Australia's Organised Crime Landscape

Australia's proximity to South East Asia and the Pacific Island Countries provides Organised Crime Groups access to illicit drugs source countries and the opportunity to exploit regional vulnerabilities



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# Operations Astatine and Veyda

- Significant illicit drug seized overseas and in Australia
- Global approach to remove high-level syndicate members
- Long term disruptive effect on these major criminal syndicates



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# What is next...South American Cartels

- AFP Liaison Office in Mexico City



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# International Trends - Opioids

- Opioid crisis in the United States



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# International Trends - Fentanyl

- Emerging drug of choice globally
- Sharp rise of Fentanyl use in North America
- One of the most dangerous trends in illicit drugs in the last decade
- Levels of consumption in Australia concerning



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# Supply and Demand



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