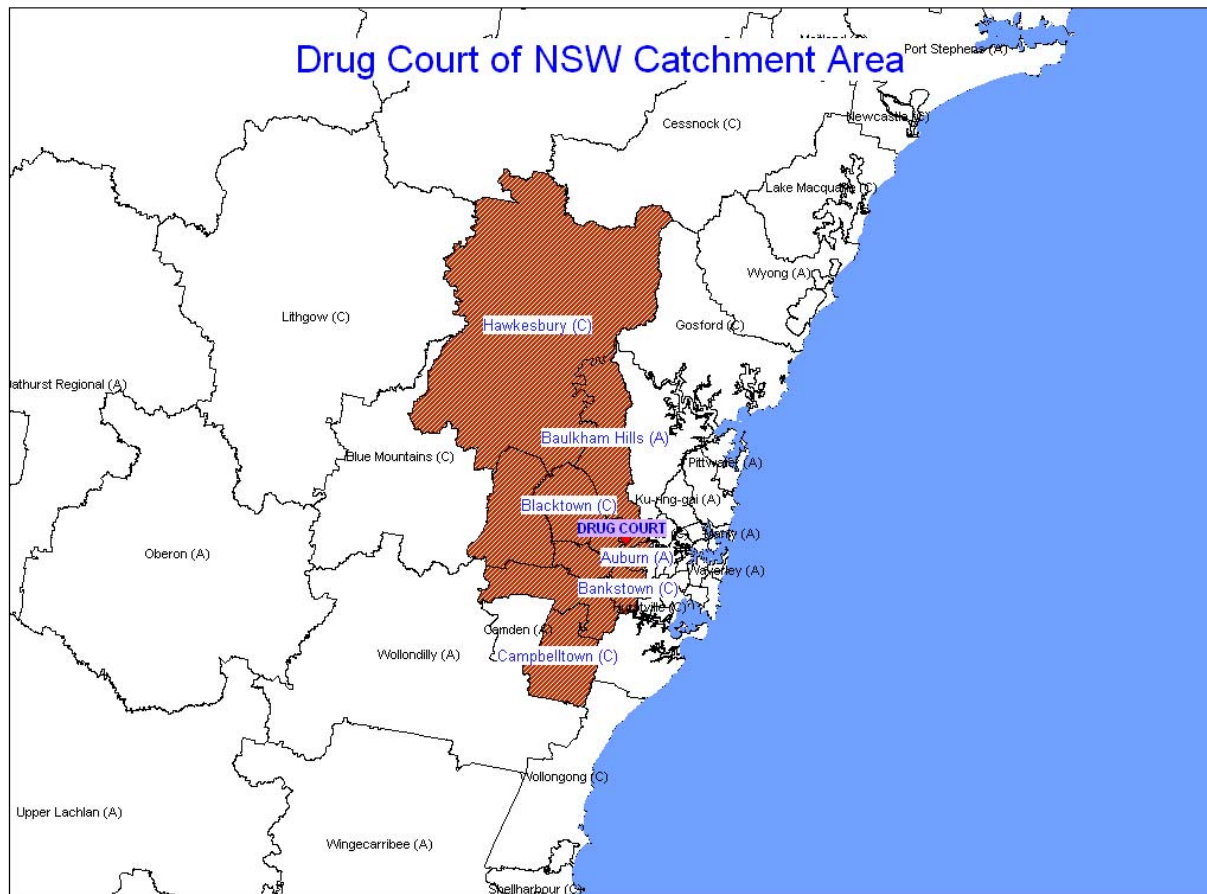


Drug Court of NSW



- Serves 11 LGAs in West Sydney
- 1.7 m people
- 5,773 sq km
- 34% born OS
- 1.3% ATSI

Drug Court of FNQ

Two sites

- Townsville
170 000 people
5.5% ATSI
13% born OS
- Cairns
125 000 people
7.8% ATSI
18% born OS



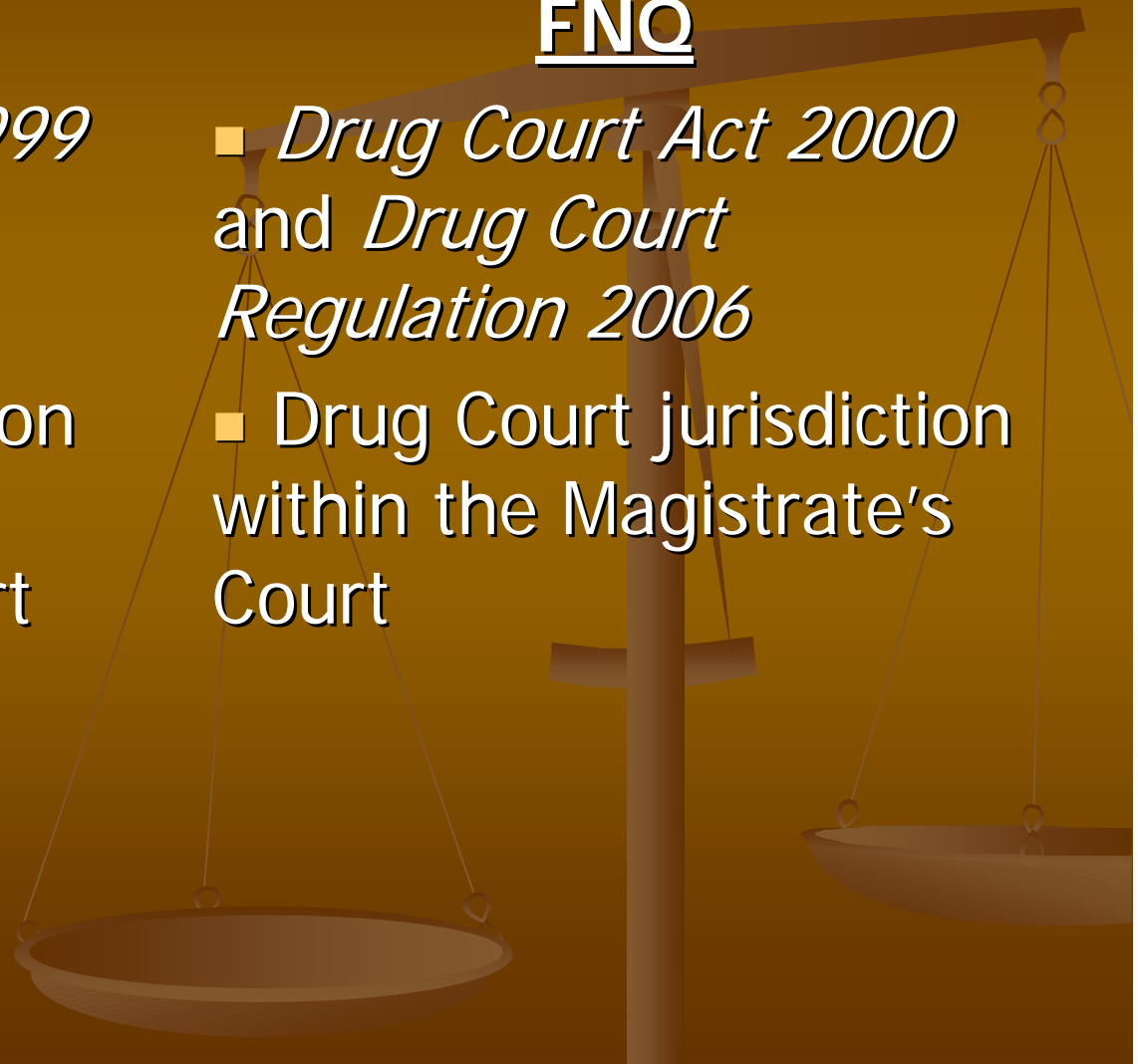
Legislative models

NSW

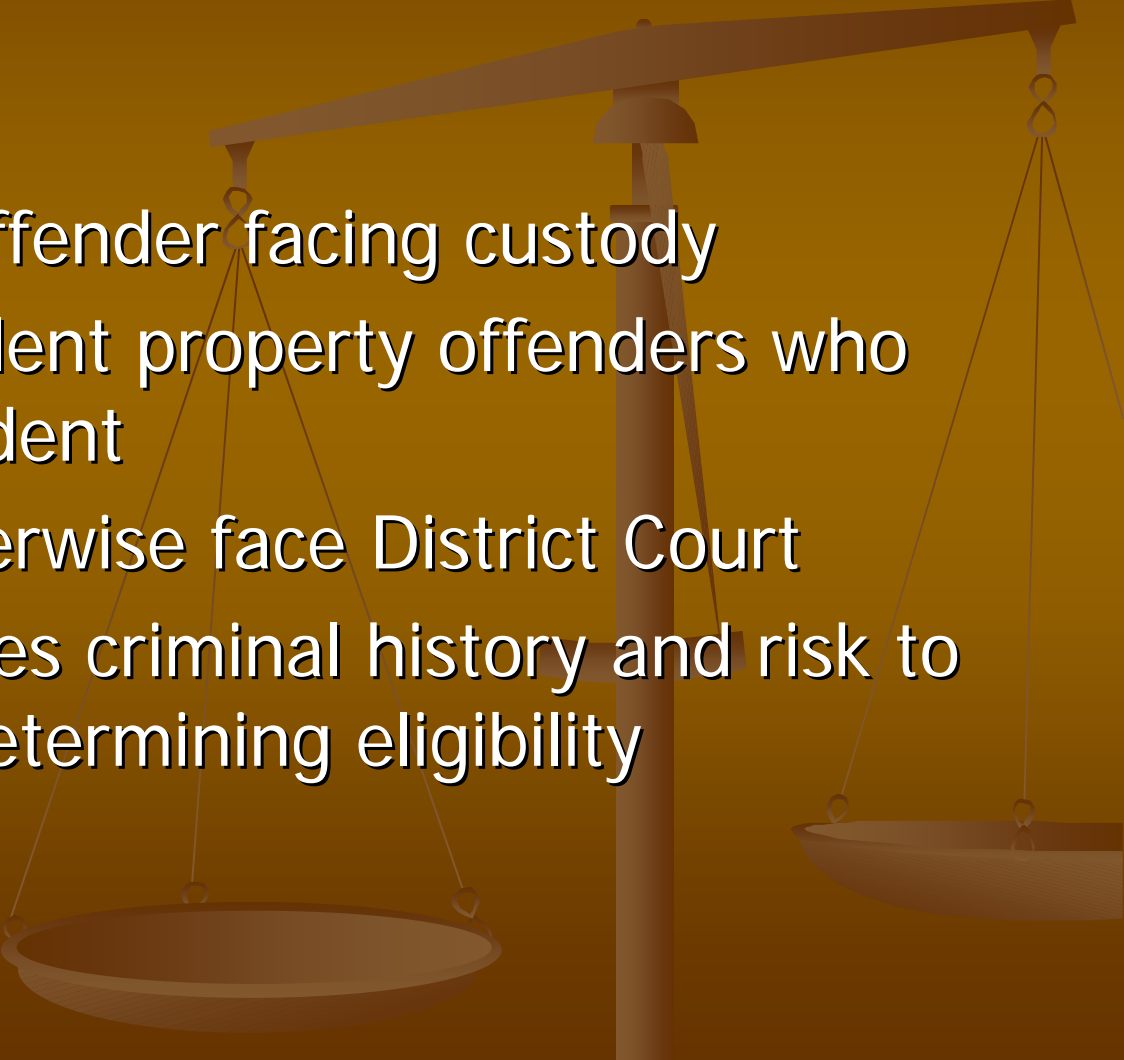
- *Drug Court Act 1999* and supporting regulation
- Separate jurisdiction with powers of a Local/District Court

FNO

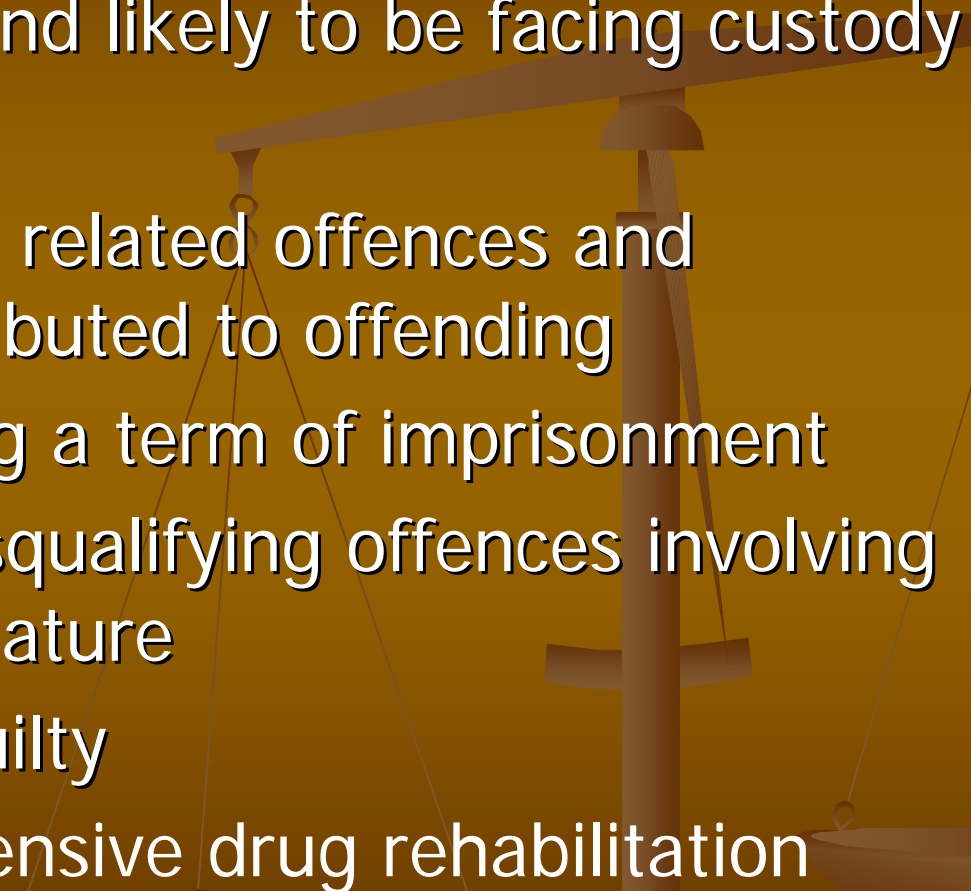
- *Drug Court Act 2000* and *Drug Court Regulation 2006*
- Drug Court jurisdiction within the Magistrate's Court



Offenders targeted NSW

- Must be adult offender facing custody
 - Targets non-violent property offenders who are drug dependent
 - 20% would otherwise face District Court
 - Court investigates criminal history and risk to community in determining eligibility
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Offenders targeted FNQ

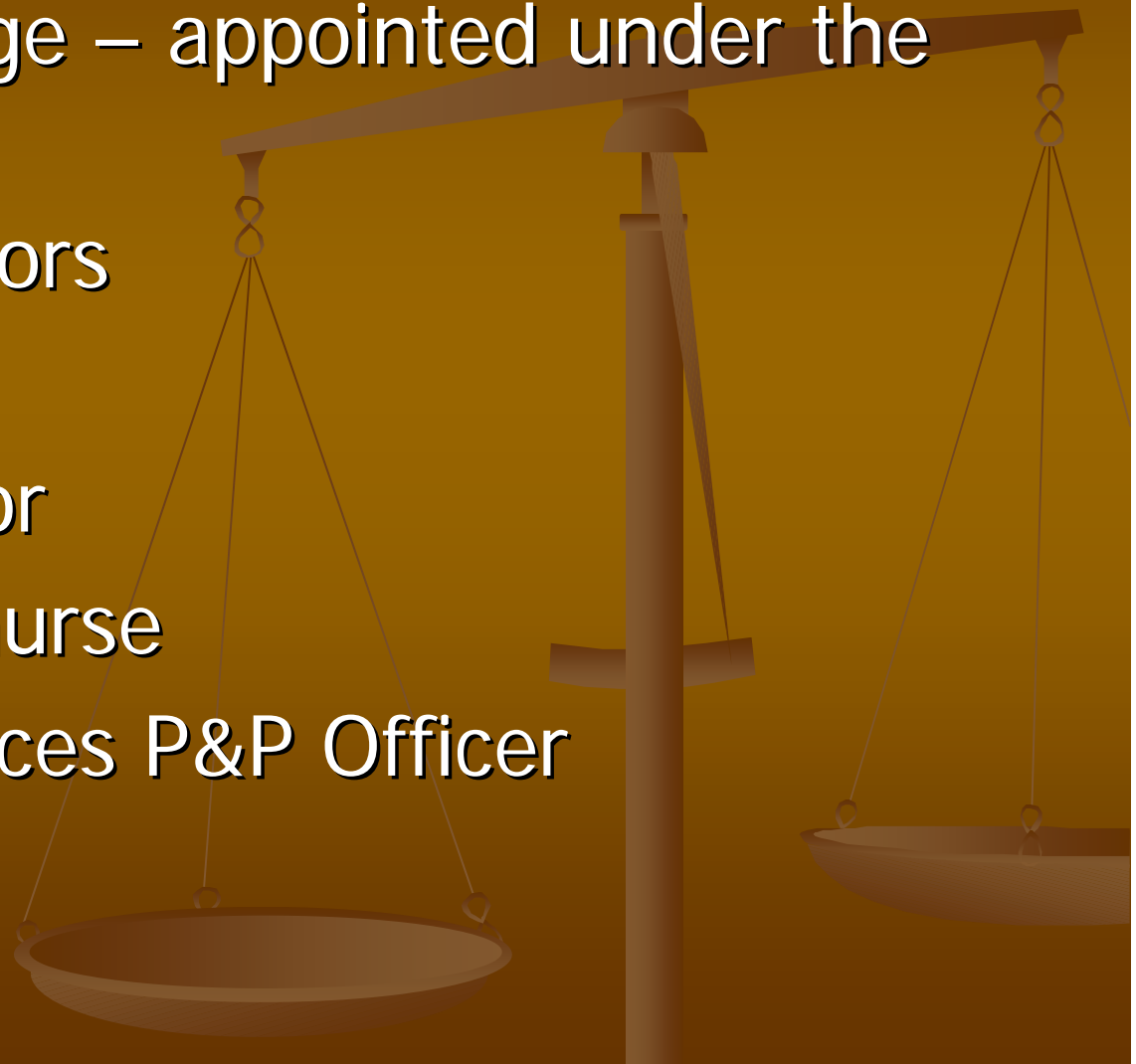
- 17 years or over and likely to be facing custody
 - drug dependent
 - charged with drug related offences and dependency contributed to offending
 - not already serving a term of imprisonment
 - no outstanding disqualifying offences involving sexual or violent nature
 - intend pleading guilty
 - be suitable for intensive drug rehabilitation
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Who is part of the Drug Court Team in NQ and SEQ

- Magistrate – appointed under the Drug Court Act
 - Legal Aid Solicitor / Barrister
 - Police Prosecutor
 - Queensland Health Representative
 - Queensland Corrective Services Representative
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Who is part of the Drug Court Team in NSW

- Drug Court Judge – appointed under the Drug Court Act
- Legal Aid Solicitors
- ODPP solicitors
- Police Prosecutor
- Justice Health nurse
- Corrective Services P&P Officer



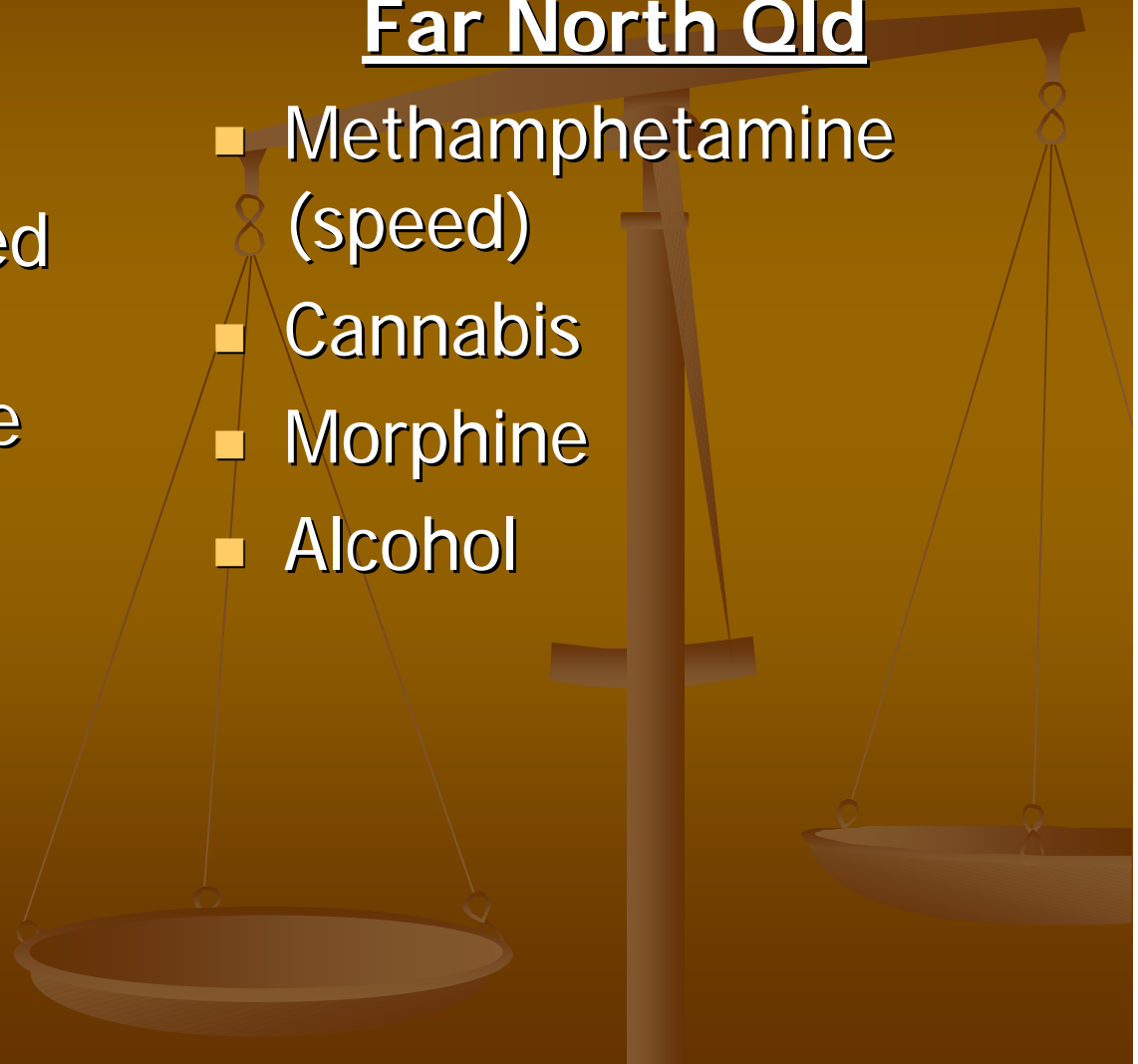
Main problem drugs

NSW

- Heroin
- Increasing reported use of methamphetamine
- Common use of cannabis

Far North Qld

- Methamphetamine (speed)
- Cannabis
- Morphine
- Alcohol



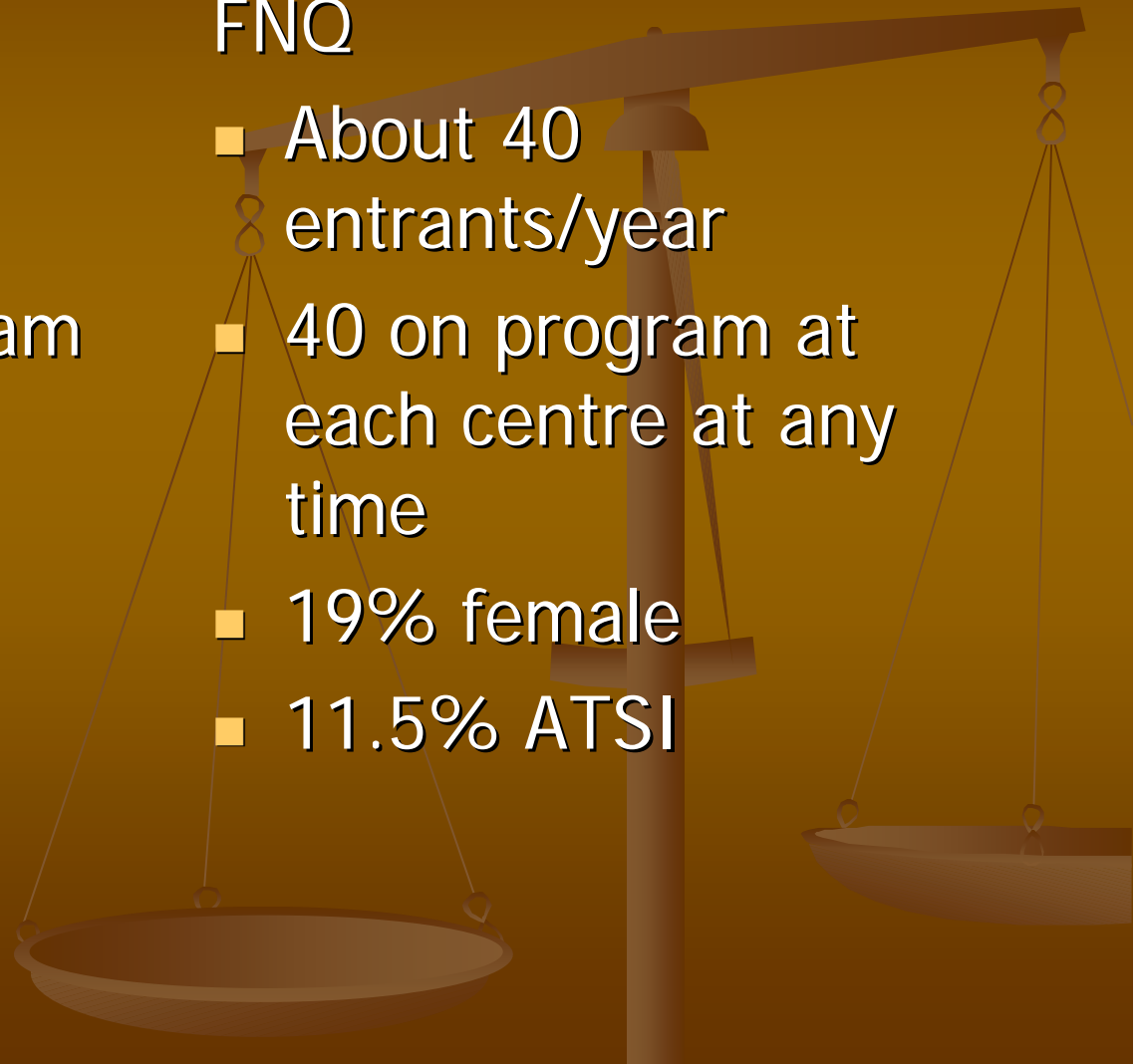
Client make-up

NSW

- About 170 entrants/year
- 150-170 on program at any time
- 21% female
- 12% ATSI

FNQ

- About 40 entrants/year
- 40 on program at each centre at any time
- 19% female
- 11.5% ATSI



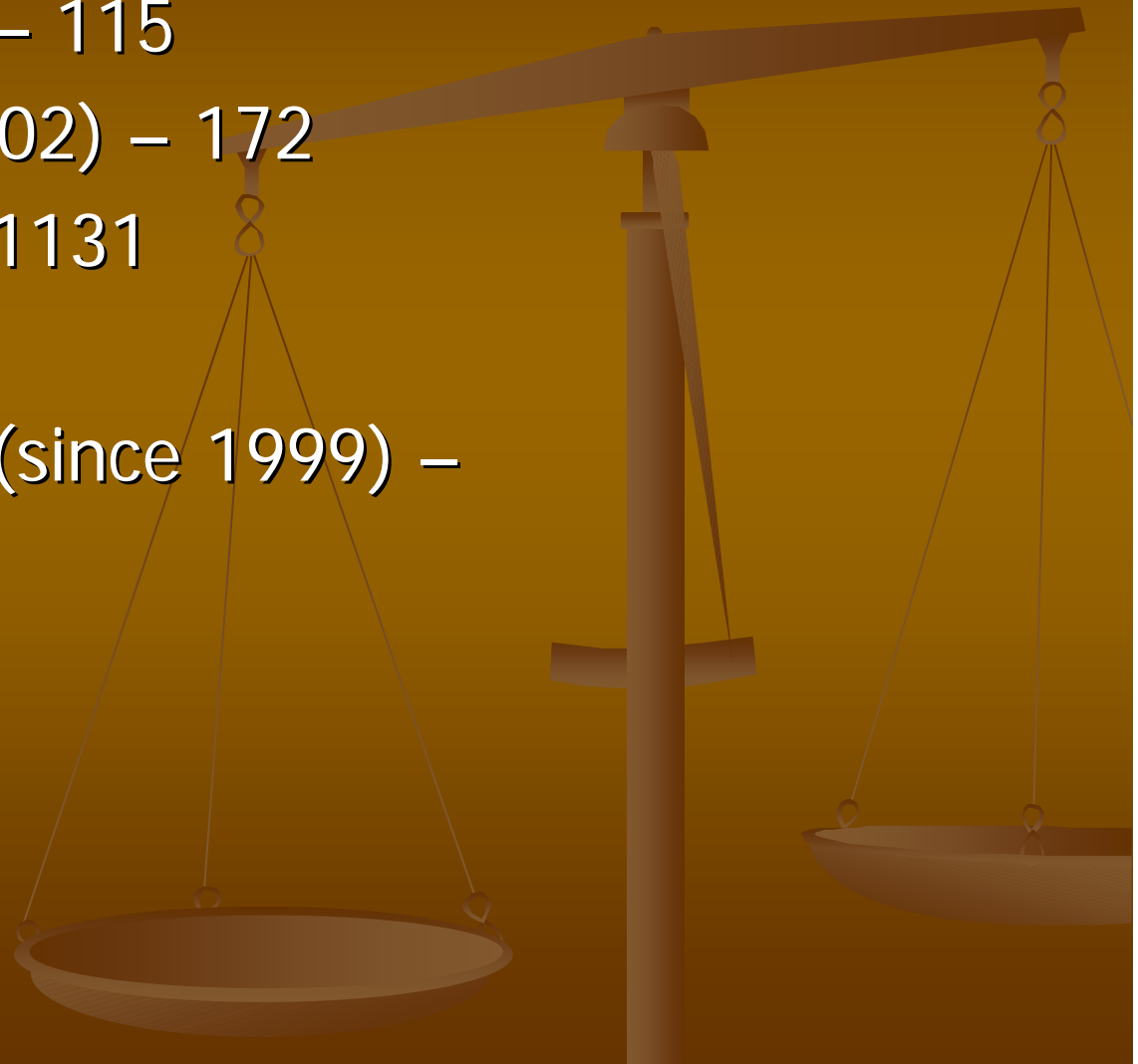
Numbers of Orders made by Location

Cairns (since 2002) – 115

Townsville (since 2002) – 172

SEQ (since 2000) – 1131

Drug Court of NSW (since 1999) –
almost 1700



Initial Sentence NSW



Average initial custodial sentence for program entrants is 14 months

Minimum of 12 months on program required for graduation

40-45% of participants exit with a non-custodial sentence; half of these are classed as 'graduates'

Initial Sentence North QLD



Around 50% of program entrants face a sentence greater than 12 months

Graduates average 13 months to complete program

Persons terminated average 10 months on program

Services directly provided

NSW

- Custodial detox
- Pharmacotherapy
- Group/individual counselling
- Residential Rehab
- Supervision
- Urinalysis

FNO

- Custodial detox
- Group/individual counselling
- Residential Rehab
- Supervision
- Urinalysis testing
- Saliva testing

Funded program partners

NSW

- Justice Health
- Two area health services
- Drug Rx NGOs
- Community Offender Services – DCS
- Legal Aid
- ODPP

FNO

- Department of Justice and Attorney – General
- Queensland Health
- Queensland Corrective Services
- Queensland Police
- Legal Aid

DRUG COURT STAKEHOLDERS

- OzCare
- Stagpole Street (SSDARU)
- Townsville Recovery Service (Salvation Army)
- Accommodation Support Programme (ASP)
- Department of Communities
- Community Rent Scheme
- Addiction Help Agency
- Mission Australia



Key services accessed

NSW

- Housing
- Family support
- Education/training

FNO

- Housing
- Family Support
- Education/training
- Employment

