

## HOW IS THE MDA AFFECTED?

MDA uses a definition for Prohibited Drug that includes the term “Drug of Addiction”.

“Drug of Addiction” is defined (broadly) as “a Schedule 8 or 9 poison as defined in the *Medicines and Poisons Act 2014*”

The MPA (broadly) provides that a Schedule 8 or 9 poison means a substance classified as such by the *Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016*.

The MP Regs provide that a:

Schedule 8 poison is “a substance listed in the SUSMP Schedule 8” (similar for Schedule 9)

The MP Regs defined the SUSMP to be:

“The document set out in Schedule 1 of the current Poisons Standard” which was correct prior to 1 February 2019. But incorrect from 1 February 2019 when the SUSMP was moved to Schedule 2.

From 20 November 2019 the MP Regs defined the SUSMP to be:

“means the Standard for the uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons set out in the current Poisons Standard”.

## MISDIRECTED DEFINITION OF THE SUSMP

