

## Drug use rife in Cape York area

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The Cape York Institute has made a submission to a parliamentary enquiry that described cannabis use on Cape York being of "epidemic proportions". It further states that "most indigenous men on the Cape are long-term, regular cannabis users." Financial strains caused by the extremely high cost of cannabis on the Cape compared to urban areas is a concern, along with the tendency of the drug to be viewed as "mainstream." Associate Professor Alan Clough of the James Cook University's School of Public Health is "in the early stages of a three-year study on reducing demand for cannabis on the Cape."