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Admission from government about P long overdue:

The admission by Justice Minister Annette King that "authorities are struggling to win the war against P" is understated and long overdue according to MethCon Group director Mike Sabin.

During Labour's tenure New Zealand has rocketed to some of the world's worst addiction rates, in what is described by United Nations drug watch dogs as the world's worst drug problem.

"We have been losing this war for a long time, except with this particular war the collateral damage has been borne out on the citizens of country, leaving a trail of victims and human carnage in its path" said Mr. Sabin.

Mr. Sabin, a former methamphetamine Lab specialist within the Police left the job a couple of years ago to start MethCon Group, through which he has been trying to fight the war on a different front, believing that we could never 'arrest' our way out of the problem.

"Having met with Jim Anderton, the government's Minister responsible for drug policy over two years ago, and being told at that point that the government was winning the fight on P, and that nicotine was killing far more people, it was crystal clear (no pun intended) that the country was at the mercy of organised crime and its billion dollar baby" said Mr. Sabin.

Mr. Sabin believes that New Zealand has the potential to extinguish this problem more successfully and rapidly than any other country in the world, but the policy frame work and infrastructure needs to change significantly.

"I have been researching for some time now as to the best models on the world stage to tackle this problem and I will soon be releasing a research paper which looks at the necessary interventions and a range of recommendations to initiate real and substantial change" said Mr. Sabin.

"The P problem is nothing less than bio-chemical warfare being waged on the innocent citizens of our country. Yes, we have lost the battle, but I believe with the right defences we can, and must win this war" claimed Mr. Sabin.

(The research paper - is due for release on 28th May 2008)

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