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## Regulate drugs call

The Federal Government was urged this morning to decriminalise illicit drugs so their use could be better regulated.

The recommendation was made by the Transform Drug Policy Foundation, which released its *After the War on Drugs: Blueprint for Regulation* report this morning at NSW Parliament House.

Former Liberal senator and federal minister Prof Peter Baume said criminalising drugs had led to a dramatic increase in drug-related woes.

"Much of what we call the drug problem is caused by the fact that prohibition gifts the market to criminals," he said.