## 10.11.2023 Statement of Support for DULF and condemnation of DULF's sudden arrest

In light of the October 25th arrest of Drug Users Liberation Front (DULF) co-founders Erys Nyx and Jeremy Kalicum in BC, Canada, Harm Reduction Victoria (Australia) stands in unwavering solidarity with our Canadian community of people who use drugs. As the state of Victoria's (Aus) peer-based organisation representing individuals who use drugs, we denounce the arrest of DULF leaders for their initiative and ongoing role in providing a community-regulated safe supply.

We support and endorse the 'compassion club' model of safe supply used by DULF and emphasise that this model unequivocally saves lives. There have been no overdose deaths associated with substances distributed by DULF, and no overdoses requiring naloxone have been reported.

We stand in solidarity with DULF and the broader harm reduction movement in Canada as they work to ensure that communities of people who use drugs have access to safe and regulated supplies. This is both a human rights imperative and a critical step toward mitigating the devastating consequences of the opioid crisis.

Harm Reduction Victoria remains committed to advocating for the rights and health of people who use drugs, and we will continue to support initiatives that prioritise safety, compassion, and evidence-based approaches in the face of adversity. We extend our support and empathy to our friends in Canada during this challenging time and reiterate our collective commitment to the shared goals of harm reduction and saving lives.

In solidarity, Harm Reduction Victoria

