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Associate Professor Alison Ritter is a visiting research fellow at the Australian National University. She has worked in the alcohol and drug field for 16 years, working initially as a Clinical Psychologist. Prior to moving to full-time research, Assoc Prof Ritter was involved in the redevelopment of Victorian alcohol and drug treatment services, and spent some time in the Department of Health in a senior policy position.

As Deputy Director of Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre from 1994 to 2005, Assoc Prof Ritter oversaw clinical, epidemiological, forensic and evaluation research. Her major area of expertise is in clinical research. She co-ordinated a three-year, \$3.5m program of pharmacotherapy research involving 13 different clinical trials of buprenorphine, LAAM, naltrexone and methadone. A/Prof Ritter is now directing a major drug policy research program, integrating the treatment research with law enforcement, harm reduction and prevention research and using unique modelling approaches to improve evidence-based policy decision making.

Assoc Prof Ritter reviews for a number of international addictions journals, such as *Addiction*, *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, *International Journal of Drug Policy* and *Drug and Alcohol Review*, and is on the Editorial Board for *Drug and Alcohol Review*. She is a reviewer for NHMRC and other grant funding bodies such as AERF. Assoc Prof Ritter is a member of CPDD, the APS (Board of Clinical Psychologists), and ADCA and the Vice President of APSAD. As an addictions expert and scientist, Assoc Prof Ritter is called upon to provide media commentary, high level policy advice and is invited to present at national and international conventions and forums.