

# *CREATING CHILD FRIENDLY CITIES*

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# WELCOME! KIAORA!

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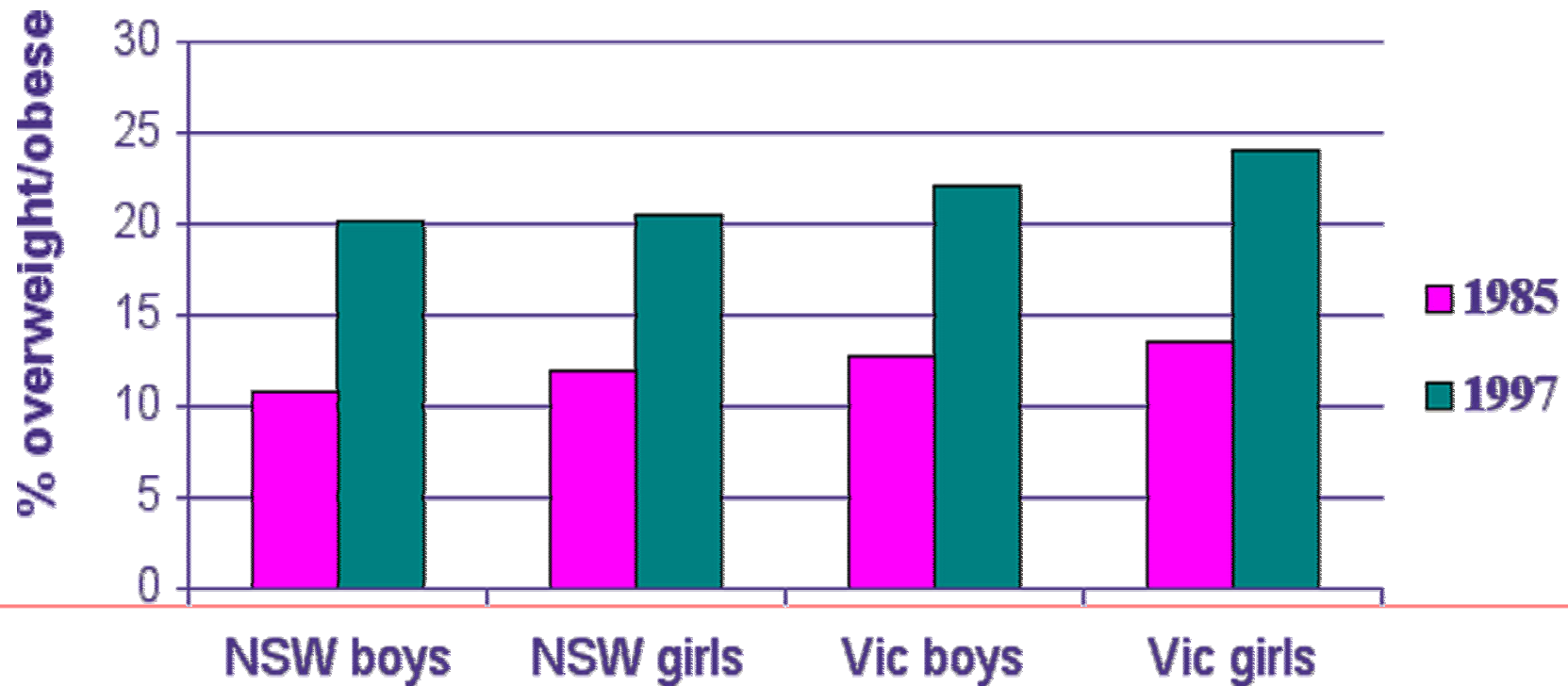
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## Fiona Stanley: the Kids are *Not* OK

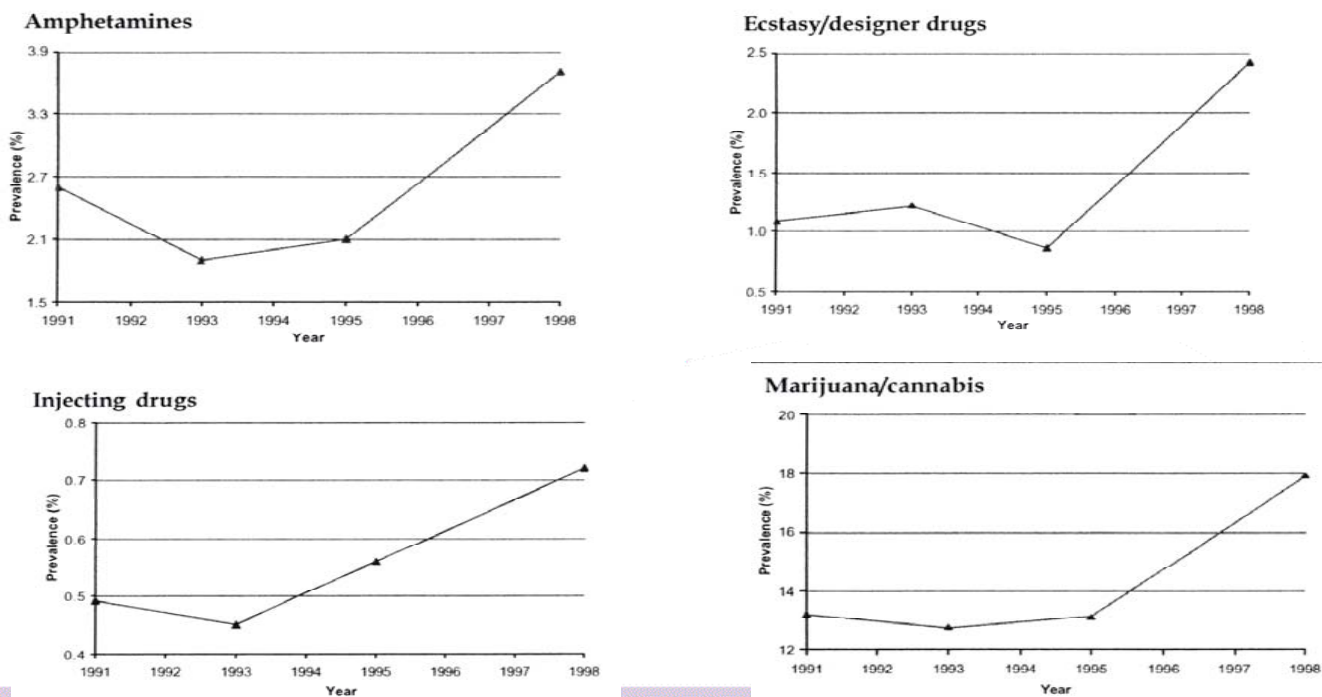


## Prevalence of overweight/obesity 1985-1997



# Illicit Drug Use

Proportion of the population 14 years and over



Source: AIHW : Statistics on drug use in Australia 2000

## *Alarm Bells Have Been Sounding in the Suburbs...*

- Clearly, our nation's economic prosperity has failed to deliver the social dividend that was promised. While Australia prospers economically, *alarm bells have been sounding in the suburbs* – witness increases in divorce, family violence, child abuse, homelessness, working hours and social isolation (Fiona Stanley, 2003)

# URBAN-CHILD RELATIONSHIP

## Urban

Design/Planning

Transport

Health

Crime/Safety

Environment, etc...

## Child

Physical

Psychic/emotional

Social/cultural

Economic class, etc...





## Symposium Aims

- Assess whether Australian and New Zealand cities are ‘child friendly’,
- Identify what can be done, and what is being done, to improve their liveability for children
- To stimulate and connect scholarly and popular interest in the notion of child friendly cities and in the policies/programs needed to achieve this ideal

## Symposium Premises

- An *urban* perspective on children's well being
- Grounded in expertise of urban professionals (geographers, planners, developers, designers, politicians...)
- We live in overwhelmingly urban societies

*Let's Begin!*

Day 1: Are Our Cities Child Friendly?

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## *Let's Begin Again!*

Day 2: How Do We Make Our Cities Child  
Friendly?