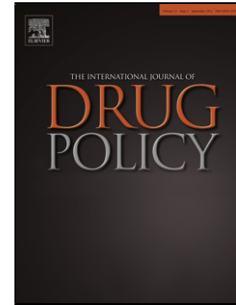


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Highlights

- This paper critically examines how the problem of drugs was constituted in a British and an Australian report on the place of ‘recovery’ in drug policy.
- The problem of drugs was represented as ‘dependence’ alone in both documents, with the implication that not all illicit drug use is problematic.
- People who use drugs problematically were constructed as either ‘responsibilised’ (Britain) or ‘patientised’ (Australia).
- Conditional citizenship, associated only with treatment and recovery, is reinforced in both documents.
- The perceived authority of the UKDPC and ANCD was critical to the recovery debates at the time the reports were produced.
- As ‘recovery’ discourse continues to evolve, discussing its contested meanings and effects will be an ongoing endeavour.

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