

2019 Submission - Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System

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What are your suggestions to improve the Victorian community's understanding of mental illness and reduce stigma and discrimination?

1 / Have IBAC follow up the effects on the Victorian Community understanding of mental illness of the Minister for Finance and Work Safe Victoria's failure to meet the multiple issues raised in investigation and reports regarding their conduct with respect to mental health claims and poor / illegal conduct of their insurance arms. These mental health issues are addressed in the attached reports (public documents) from the Ombudsmans Office and the ex Attorney General. copy attached. 2 / Have IBAC follow up Parliaments replies and have them implemented to address and remove the stigma and discrimination with mental illness within toxic work places.. copy attached 3 / Increase the number of visits to a specialist from 10 to as many as needed under the mental health plan system.

What is already working well and what can be done better to prevent mental illness and to support people to get early treatment and support?

1/ The current mental health plans work well. However the appointments are limited to ten (10) per year. 2 / To prevent mental illness the statute of limitation should be removed for the reasons shown in the Ombudsman's investigation 2019 and earlier reports. Example After six months ██████ provided me with untrue medical opinions about me my non medically competent ██████ without any supporting clinical scans blood tests or medically and neurologically competent testing. As ██████ Work Safe Victoria had access to all my medical records I requested ██████ and Work Safe Victoria even under freedom of information for medical records they came up . Delaying tactics are still being used refusing records even under discovery with out the Minister for Work Safe Victoria or my local member for Parliament acting to assist me. attached email to local MP.

What is already working well and what can be done better to prevent suicide?

1 / The current mental health plan works well 2 / The advertising by Work Safe Victoria showing in your face assaults in the work place is not on is good. The complete failure to investigate and maintain reasonable records and access to them is not good. Example In 2010 I requested Work Safe Victoria come and investigate my toxic work place regarding in your face bullying unsafe work practices and failing to stick to a safe work method. Work safe failed to turn up. 2011 my CEO in advised staff of two deaths suicides. NEWS media reports work place issues. 3 / To prevent work related suicide compel Work Safe to Act when called to investigate.

What makes it hard for people to experience good mental health and what can be done to improve this? This may include how people find, access and experience mental health treatment and support and how services link with each other.

1 / What makes it hard for people to experience good mental health is the ability of work places and Work Safe Insurance agents ██████ to direct people to so called mental health

specialists whom demonstrate incompetence and not acting in the interest of the patient. 2 / There should be a complete ban incentive payments and leading questions as shown in the Ombudsman's report and investigation. 3 / It is hard to experience good mental health when regulators fail to act on toxic work places or act when they are given reports of managers refusing to pass on reports of assault and work place injury to Work Safe noting costs.

What are the drivers behind some communities in Victoria experiencing poorer mental health outcomes and what needs to be done to address this?

1 / As an active fire fighter and ex High Voltage Transmission Field Tester we have experienced poorer mental health outcomes due to PTSD and the ability of authorities to loose / mislay / and not find documents even under FOI. Once again waiting for the statute of limitation to come into effect. Problem solved!!! 2 / Remove the statute of limitation. 3 / Upon identifying fraudulent medical statements by ██████ Work Safe Victoria I asked the Minister for Work Safe Victoria to STOP THE CLOCK until ██████ produced copies of the tests and medical records to support known to be fraudulent claims circulated to ██████ independent medical examiner. 4 / Their IME requested Work Safe Investigate assault in 2012. Work Safe refuse to investigate or supply telephone records adding to poorer mental health. Many community members report the same poor outcome.

What are the needs of family members and carers and what can be done better to support them?

1/ Family members need to be a part of mental health plans in order to provide better support. 2 / Both carers and family members need respite.

What can be done to attract, retain and better support the mental health workforce, including peer support workers?

"1 / Increase supervision and testing of psychologists 2, limit neurologists reports to known PET CEPT and MRI scans. Not theories."

What are the opportunities in the Victorian community for people living with mental illness to improve their social and economic participation, and what needs to be done to realise these opportunities?

1 / Not very good if going through the Work Safe Victoria system. I requested a copy of the report to Parliament as to why persons going through the Work Safe Victoria System are worse off by the ex A/G 2018-2019

Thinking about what Victorias mental health system should ideally look like, tell us what areas and reform ideas you would like the Royal Commission to prioritise for change?

1 / The system should be inclusive not adversarial as with Work Safe Victoria

What can be done now to prepare for changes to Victorias mental health system and support improvements to last?

Have IBAC investigate

Is there anything else you would like to share with the Royal Commission?

1 / Prior to two work place suicides I requested Work Safe send an investigator to come to my increasingly toxic work place from 2010. 2 / In 2011 I reported workplace safety issues

compromising public safety and requested work safe victoria assist me in an internal investigation into repeated in your face assaults on me. 3/ I requested [REDACTED] assistance as I was removed from my work group and my [REDACTED] OH&S representative and was denied all access to records needed and witness statements . 4 / I requested confirmation records of conduct endangering life across the fire ground crime scene on Monday 9/2/2009 at [REDACTED] were received by the 2009 Bush Fire Royal Commission and [REDACTED] and have been getting the run around ever since requesting Work Safe assistance.