

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?

Horsham and the wider Wimmera needs a mental health facility, we have a huge rate of suicide

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?

I go to a Dr and get my antidepressant and that's about it

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

We need qualified health workers here to help us

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.

Horsham has nothing decent, you can't get into a counsellor for weeks and weeks

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

Horsham hospital has been known to turn people away and I know of 1 lady that committed suicide because she had no where to go for help

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

N/A

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

N/A

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?

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

Seriously I think about ending my life everyday and I say no thing because no one cares if im here or not