

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. Presented in Green Paper table is NOT Stepped Care model, actually, it is DIFFERENTIAL CARE model. It is not a LADDER with steps, but rather TREE of choices. Therefore, I highly recommend to change the name of the model. 2. Proposed AoPE fees are too high and will keep psychologists divided and dissatisfied. I would suggest only 15% and 30% increase of fees for AoPE psychologists, which would appreciate extra studies without causing massive dissatisfaction of generalists. Moreover, there is absolutely no evidence that higher degrees lead to better outcomes in psychological counselling. 3. Green Paper would be beneficial for all psychologists. However, it looks like large division of clinical psychologists, qualified as AoPE, will get the most of benefits - which is not reasonable as there is no proof of outcomes differences between clinical and counselling (etc) psychologists. Thank you very much for your consideration."

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?

N/A

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

N/A

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.

N/A

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

N/A

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 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?

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?

N/A