



PUBLIC HEARINGS WITNESS LIST

8-12 JULY 2019

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Between 2 and 26 July 2019 the Royal Commission will conduct its first public hearings. The public hearings are an important part of the activities of the Royal Commission and will allow the Commission to gather information about Victoria's Mental Health System. The hearings will inform the Commissioners deliberations leading up to the production of an interim report in November 2019.

At the public hearings, the Royal Commission will hear from witnesses about issues and questions relevant to the Royal Commission's Terms of Reference. Witnesses will include consumers and carers, service providers and their workforce, experts and government representatives.

The Royal Commission values and respects the contribution that people living with mental illness provide to inform the work of the Commission, and a significant proportion of the hearings will be dedicated to listening to hearing about their experiences.

The schedule below may be subject to variation and the Royal Commission may depart from it before or during the hearings if it considers it appropriate to do so.

Schedule

Day and date of hearing	Topic and witness
Day five 8 July 2019 Location Level 2, Melbourne Town Hall, 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria	Access to and navigation of the mental health system A/Professor Simon Stafrace, Program Director, Alfred Psychiatry and Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor, Monash University A/Professor Ruth Vine, NorthWestern Mental Health Community witness Dr Neil Coventry, Chief Psychiatrist
Day six 9 July 2019 Location Level 2, Melbourne Town Hall, 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria	Access to and navigation of the mental health system Dr Caroline Johnson, general practitioner, Surrey Hills Medical Centre Dr Sika Turner, Clinical Psychologist, Agile Psychological Medicine Clinic, Monash Health Ms Gail Bradley, Area Manager, Inner West Area Mental Health Service Community witness Dr Paul Denborough, Child and Youth Psychiatrist and Clinical Director, Alfred Child and Youth Mental Health Service and Headspace, Alfred Health

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<p>Day seven 10 July 2019</p> <p>Location Level 2, Melbourne Town Hall, 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria</p>	<p>Access to and navigation of the mental health system</p> <p>A/Professor Dean Stevenson, Clinical Services Director, Mercy Mental Health</p> <p>Professor Malcolm Hopwood, Director of the Professorial Psychiatry Unit, Albert Road Clinic and Ramsay Healthcare Professor of Psychiatry, the University of Melbourne</p> <p>Community witness</p> <p>Elizabeth Crowther, Chief Executive Officer, Wellways Australia</p> <p>Peter Ruzyla, Chief Executive Officer, EACH</p> <p>Ingrid Amann, Program Coordinator, North Fitzroy, Prevention and Recovery Care (PARC)</p>
<p>Day eight 11 July 2019</p> <p>Location Level 2, Melbourne Town Hall, 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria</p>	<p>Access to and navigation of the mental health system</p> <p>Dr Ainslie Senz, Director, Emergency Physician and Director, Department of Emergency Medicine at Footscray Hospital, Western Health</p> <p>Tracey Morgan, Registered Nurse at Monash Health</p> <p>Glenn Weir, Assistant Commissioner, Eastern Region, Victoria Police</p> <p>Community witness</p> <p>Simon Thomson, Regional Director, Ambulance Victoria</p> <p>Louise Glanville, Chief Executive Officer, Victoria Legal Aid</p> <p>Vrinda Edan, Acting CEO, Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council</p>
<p>Day nine 12 July 2019</p> <p>Location Level 2, Melbourne Town Hall, 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria</p>	<p>Carers and family</p> <p>Community witness</p> <p>Rose Cuff, State-wide Coordinator, Families where a Parent has a Mental Illness (FaPMI)</p> <p>Community witness</p> <p>Community witness</p> <p>Community witness</p> <p>Dr Margaret Leggatt, co-founder and patron of SANE Australia</p>

The hearings will also be live streamed on our website at www.rcvmhs.vic.gov.au, unless the Royal Commission orders otherwise.