

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

## Organisation Name

N/A

## Name

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

"Education regarding ADHD, not being behaviour"

## 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?

Recognise that ADHD and autism are disabilities and give help and support to families

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

Education and public awareness

## 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.

People's attitudes

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

Not enough support or assistance programs

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

Local professional services

## 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?

Recognition that ADHD and autism are disabilities

## What can be done now to prepare for changes to Victoria's 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