

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?

"I refer specifically to recent news articles concerning Henry Hammond the accused murderer of Courtney Herron in Victoria. During 2018 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] ran a segment on the Footy Show which had a 'street talk' segment that interviewed Henry Hammond and ridiculed him and others. A song at the end of the segment saw [REDACTED] voice over the word 'Paradise' with the word "'Parasite'". The message this sent to millions of viewers contributes to stigma and discrimination regarding mental health. I would like to see, formally, this issue of TV programming and responsibility addressed as significant in the better improving of mental health understanding within the wider community."

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?

Accountability for big companies such as television.

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