



PUBLIC HEARINGS WITNESS LIST

22-26 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 fifteen 22 July 2019 Location Level 2, Melbourne Town Hall, 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria	Suicide prevention Community witness Jeremy Dwyer, Manager, Suicide, Mental Health and General Investigations, Coroners Prevention Unit, Coroners Court of Victoria Professor Jane Pirkis, Director, Centre for Mental Health, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, the University of Melbourne Community witness Alan Woodward
Day sixteen 23 July 2019 Location Level 2, Melbourne Town Hall, 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria	Suicide prevention Community witness John McLaren, Community Manager, St Vincent's Area Mental Health, St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne) Anne Lyon, Executive Director of Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs, Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Network Louise Flynn, Manager, Support After Suicide, Jesuit Social Services A/Professor Peter Burnett, Director, Clinical Governance, NorthWestern Mental Health

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	Bruce Crossett, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Transport Accident Commission
<p>Day seventeen 24 July 2019</p> <p>Location Level 2, Melbourne Town Hall, 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria</p>	<p>Prioritisation and governance of mental health services</p> <p>Dr Gerry Naughtin, Mental Health Advisor, National Disability Insurance Agency</p> <p>Dr Peggy Brown AO</p> <p>The Hon Robert Knowles AO</p> <p>Adj Prof David Plunkett, Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Health</p>
<p>Day eighteen 25 July 2019</p> <p>Location Level 2, Melbourne Town Hall, 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria</p>	<p>Prioritisation and governance of mental health services</p> <p>Andrew Greaves, Victorian Auditor-General</p> <p>Jennifer Williams AM, Board Chair, Northern Health</p> <p>Felicity Topp, Chief Executive Officer, Peninsula Health</p> <p>Kym Peake, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services</p>
<p>Day nineteen 26 July 2019</p> <p>Location Level 2, Melbourne Town Hall, 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria</p>	<p>Prioritisation and governance of mental health services</p> <p>David Martine, Secretary, Department of Treasury and Finance</p> <p>Community witness</p> <p>Community witness</p>

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