



## PUBLIC HEARINGS WITNESS LIST

2 - 5 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
<b>Day one</b> 2 July 2019  <b>Location</b> Level 2, Melbourne Town Hall, 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria	<b>Opening day</b>  Wayne Schwass, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of PukaUp  Community witness  The Hon Andrew Robb AO, former Australian Minister for Trade and Investment  Community witness
<b>Day two</b> 3 July 2019  <b>Location</b> Level 2, Melbourne Town Hall, 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria	<b>Stigma</b>  Janet Meagher AM, Member of the Independent Advisory Council to the NDIS  A/Professor Nicola Reavley, The University of Melbourne, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health  Community witness  Dr Chris Groot, The University of Melbourne, Melbourne School of Psychological Sciences  Dr Michelle Blanchard, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of SANE Australia and founding Director of SANE's Anne Deveson Research Centre

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<p><b>Day three</b> 4 July 2019</p> <p><b>Location</b> Level 2, Melbourne Town Hall, 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria</p>	<p><b>Prevention and early intervention</b></p> <p>Georgie Harman, Chief Executive Officer of Beyond Blue</p> <p>Professor David Forbes, Director of Phoenix Australia Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health and Deputy Head, Department of Psychiatry at the University of Melbourne</p> <p>Community witness</p> <p>Professor Helen Herrman AO, Psychiatrist and Public Health Physician, Head of Vulnerable and Disengaged Youth Research at Orygen</p>
<p><b>Day four</b> 5 July 2019</p> <p><b>Location</b> Level 2, Melbourne Town Hall, 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria</p>	<p><b>Prevention and early intervention</b></p> <p>Community witness</p> <p>Dr Gaynor Blankley, Perinatal Psychiatrist at Mercy Perinatal, Mercy Hospital for Women</p> <p>Shaun McClare, Principal at Kalinda Primary School</p> <p>Dr Ric Haslam, Director of Mental Health at the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne</p> <p>Professor Patrick McGorry AO, Executive Director of Orygen, Professor of Youth Mental Health at the University of Melbourne and a Founding Director of the National Youth Mental Health Foundation</p>

The hearings will also be live streamed on our website at [www.rcvmhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.rcvmhs.vic.gov.au), unless the Royal Commission orders otherwise.