



Commission update – 1 July 2019

Public hearings start tomorrow

Our public hearings start at 10.00am tomorrow at the Melbourne Town Hall. We've released the details of witnesses for week 1, which you can view [here](#).

Witnesses on day 1 include former Commonwealth Minister Andrew Robb AO and former AFL player and mental health advocate, Wayne Schwass. Both will give evidence in a personal capacity related to their experiences with mental health.

The hearings will run until Friday 26 July, and will include a day of rural hearings in Maryborough on Monday 15 July and a dedicated day of hearings on Tuesday 16 July to consider issues specific to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities.

We'll be posting regular updates on our website, including daily hearing schedules, witness lists, witness statements, and transcripts.

Live stream

The hearings will be open to the public, but each venue has limited capacity. We're encouraging people to watch the hearings via live stream on our website (www.rcvmhs.vic.gov.au). In some instances, proceedings may not be live streamed to protect the identity of a community witness.

Public transport disruptions

Major construction works are taking place across metropolitan and regional train networks in July. This may cause delays for people planning to travel to the Melbourne Town Hall to attend the hearings. You can read more about the disruptions on the Public Transport Victoria [website](#), and watch the hearings via live stream if you'll be impacted.

Video from the Commissioners

Ahead of the hearings, watch this short video [here](#) to learn about what each of the Commissioner's hope the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System will achieve.

Last chance to make a submission

Online submissions are open until this Friday, 5 July. This is your last chance to have your say during this formal submission period. Go to www.rcvmhs.vic.gov.au/submissions to share your views and ideas.

If you need help, please call **1800 00 11 34** (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm) or email contact@rcvmhs.vic.gov.au. The Commission can also be contacted using a phone interpreter service on **03 7005 3010**.

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