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

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What are your suggestions to improve the Victorian communitys understanding of mental illness and reduce stigma and discrimination?

N/A

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.

"Problem is most mental health therapies you need health insurance. I am a pensioner on a carers pension my partner is on the dsp plus we have a mortgage, and can't afford insurance. We need to have more accessibility to these programs. I suffer from Bpd (boarderline personally disorder) and need help. It would cost more money to pay up front or have health insurance."

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?

More accessible program and make them affordable for strugglers like us.

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?

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? $\ensuremath{\text{N/A}}$