

Support and Advice for the Interim Report

Productivity Commission Review into the National Mental
Health and Suicide Prevention Agreement

Acknowledgement of Country

Who we are

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- Peak body for people with lived experience
- Over 550 members
- Run for our members
- Operated since July 2021
- We —
 - **Advocate for systemic change**
 - **Represent the views of our members**
 - **Support our members as advocates**

Speaking today

Superstar team.

- Paula Arro, Member and Lived Experience Leader
- Danie Williams-Brennan, Policy Director
- Nyoka Fetoa'i, Co-Chair
- Simon Katterl, CEO

Acknowledgement harm & clarify purpose

Australia's current system causes harm through human rights issues, lack of trust, and coercion.

We need to shift to community-led approaches, and increase accountability and prevention.

Achieving a self-defined 'good life' requires authentic co-design, moving beyond deficit-based narratives and towards genuine collaboration.

Paula Arro

- Clarify 'what is the purpose of the system'
 - A self-defined good life (not deficit narratives)
- Harm in the current system
 - Human rights issues, lack of trust, no transparency, coercion
 - Drivers of these issues
 - Need to shift to community and LLE-led approaches, greater accountability and prevention/early intervention
- Authentic co-design
 - We achieve this through *authentic* co-design.

Human rights: Issues and solutions

The human rights framework is crucial to the Agreement. Continuing to rely on the current tertiary system will perpetuate coercion and rights issues. To prevent this, the CRPD and UNDRIP should be embedded into the agreement, with funding directly linked to achieving positive human rights outcomes and activities.

Danie Williams-Brennan

- Human rights framework is crucial to Agreement
- Issues of coercion/human rights need naming/addressing
- Social determinants of mental health are absent
- Reliance on tertiary/clinical system will maintain levels of coercion and human rights issues
- Need to embed the CRPD and UNDRIP into Agreement, aided by a national HRA

Focusing on First Nations Justice

To support First Nations social and emotional wellbeing, we must focus engage in authentic co-design beyond Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs).

This approach, supported by targeted funding, should include both ACCHOs and mainstream services.

This will allow for capability uplift, such as within the Coroners' Court, to better understand and learn from suicides in the community.

- The needs of First Nations youth
- Engagement and co-design beyond ACCHOs
- Affirming the Schedule should focus on both ACCHOs and mainstream services
- Associated funding – e.g. capability uplift of Coroners' Court to learn from suicide in-Community

Reflective questions

- What state accountability structures need to be in place to support the Agreement?
- How can the Agreement be based on, and support, authentic co-design?
- How can the Agreement support initiatives such as Coroners Court capability uplift?