

**Senate Select Committee into the Abbott Government's Commission
of Audit**

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Dear Senators

The Mental Health Council of Australia (MHCA) welcomes the opportunity to provide input to the Senate Select Committee into the Abbott Government's Commission of Audit.

The MHCA is the peak, national non-government organisation representing and promoting the interests of the Australian mental health sector, committed to achieving better mental health for all Australians. MHCA members include national organisations representing consumers, carers, special needs groups, clinical service providers, public and private mental health service providers, researchers and state/territory community mental health peak bodies.

I provide for your information, the submission that the MHCA made to the Commission of Audit, which outlines our approach to the review and planning of mental health services in Australia.

I welcome any queries or comments should any Senators wish to discuss these issues further, and would be very pleased to provide any further information that may be of assistance to your Inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Quinlan
CEO