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Dear Ms Beverley

I enclose 3 articles which demonstrate the erosion and dismantling of mental health services, and particularly the more evidence based community mental health services, under successive Australian federal administrations, and so far, under this one as well.

All federal enhancements of recent years have been fragmentary, largely devoid of cost-effectiveness evidence, & uncoordinated with existing state services, they have not appreciably improved outcomes for the most severely mentally ill individuals in our midst, nor for their families.

We would be happy to address the select committee on this matter if invited and required.

Best Wishes

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