

# Recommendations

## Recommendation 1

**5.48** The committee recommends that the government:

- immediately publish the Expert Reference Group report;
- urgently respond to the National Mental Health Commission's review; and
- guarantee funding for mental health groups and service providers for the 12 months after the announcement of the government response to the National Mental Health Commission's review.

## Recommendation 2

**6.13** The committee recommends that the government response to the National Mental Health Commission's report should include a national stigma reduction strategy.

## Recommendation 3

**6.36** The committee recommends that the government response to the National Mental Health Commission's report should examine the possible role for Primary Health Networks in regionalisation of service and programme delivery.

**6.39** The committee therefore recommends that the government response should emphasise the need for mental health, particularly the experience of mental health consumers and carers, to be imbedded in the governance structure of the Primary Health Networks.

## Recommendation 4

**6.47** The committee recommends that the government response to the National Mental Health Commission's report include evidence-based modes of care that promote early intervention.

### **Recommendation 5**

**6.56** The committee recommends that the government's response to the National Mental Health Commission's report recognise the linkages between housing, employment, and mental health. The government's response should include ways for services and programmes to be appropriately connected so that individuals can access holistic care.

### **Recommendation 6**

**6.68** The committee recommends that the government's response to the National Mental Health Commission's report recognise need for a clear and comprehensive mental health workforce strategy.

### **Recommendation 7**

**6.77** The committee recommends that the government's response to the National Mental Health Commission's report include tangible and measurable actions to achieve the suicide prevention targets recommended by the Commission.

### **Recommendation 8**

**6.87** The committee recommends that the government's response to the National Mental Health Commission's report address the challenges of mental health service delivery in rural and remote communities.

### **Recommendation 9**

**6.100** The committee recommends that the Government's response to the Mental Health Commission's report sets out a future policy direction to address Indigenous mental health and suicide prevention challenges.

### **Recommendation 10**

**6.114** The committee recommends that the government's response to the National Mental Health Commission's report include adequate recognition of the need for data collection to inform services and programmes for LGBTI communities.

**6.115** The committee also recommends that the government's response include specific actions and measurable targets in relation to the delivery of services and programmes for the LGBTI community.

### **Recommendation 11**

**6.124** The committee recommends that the government response to the National Mental Health Commission's report should include support for the use of the Mental Health in Multicultural Australia *Framework for Mental Health in Multicultural Australia: Towards culturally inclusive service delivery*.

### **Recommendation 12**

**6.135** The committee recommends that the government's response to the National Mental Health Commission's report supports the Commission's findings and recommendations in relation to e-mental health.

### **Recommendation 13**

**7.36** The committee recommends that the government immediately clarify how Tier 2 or Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) will be implemented and how many people it will support.

**7.37** The committee recommends that the government share available information on the workings of Tier 2 or ILC in order to quell the disquiet in the community and ensure that individuals do not lose access to much-needed services.

