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Inquiry into mental health services in Australia

The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) is a forum for the promotion of the health of the public, as well as serving as a professional resource for public health personnel. The PHAA provides opportunities for the exchange of ideas, knowledge and information on public health and actively undertakes advocacy for public health policy, development, research and training. The PHAA is a non-party political organisation.

Please find attached a copy of the PHAA's submission to your inquiry into mental health services in Australia, and a copy of the PHAA's Mental Health Policy.

In addition to addressing the terms of reference for the Inquiry, the PHAA would like to note that given the current stance taken by government on competition, private health insurance organisations should fund all aspects of mental health services, including long term chronic care for the dementing elderly.

Should you wish to discuss any of the concerns or issues raised in the submission, I would be happy to meet with the Committee or the secretariat for the Committee. I can be contacted on (02) 62852372 or on plaut@phaa.net.au

Yours sincerely,

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