

Making a submission to mental health committee
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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the inquiry. I note that it is now August and I am hoping that you may still be able to consider some material from us. I apologise for the delay but I was unexpectedly delayed overseas by an airline strike and have only just returned.

Unfortunately we have not had time to prepare a detailed submission. However, I attach a copy of our submission made in 2002 to the NSW Parliament Select Committee on Mental Health. I would comment that, despite the Committee having made some strong recommendations, the mental health system in NSW has not improved since then. If anything, it has changed for the worse as funding and staffing levels have not kept pace with the demand for services. We continue to have many clients incarcerated in correctional centres when they would be more appropriately managed in psychiatric facilities.

Regards

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