

2019 ELECTION ASKS & AIMS

Will you commit to these actions on mental health?

Mental Health Australia is asking parties and candidates in the 2019 Federal Election to signal their commitment to a range of actions critical to the success of mental health reform. While the Government has announced a Productivity Commission Inquiry into the role of mental health in the Australian economy, it is essential that evidence based action, such as *Investing to Save: The economic benefits for Australia of investment in mental health reform*, is not delayed while we await the Commission's findings.

Mental Health Australia intends to publish your response on its website so our Members, and others with an interest in mental health policy, can easily see where parties and candidates stand on these issues. Further details on the actions proposed, including the rationale for each, can be found in the *Mental Health Australia 2019 Election Platform*.

Please signal in the table below whether or not you will commit to these aims? Feel free to supply any supporting information, including your own mental health policy platform or announcements on specific projects.

| AIM | YES | NO | WITH QUALIFICATION | NO RESPONSE |
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| Permanently embed arrangements for ongoing, active involvement of consumers and carers in all areas of policy and oversight | | | | |
| Provide community-based assertive outreach to people who have attempted suicide | | | | |
| Expand community-based psychosocial support programs | | | | |
| Expand the capacity of the NDIA to support psychosocial disability | | | | |
| Expand the paid peer workforce | | | | |
| Cognitive based therapy and other interventions for children and young people | | | | |
| Increase uptake of e-mental health early intervention services | | | | |
| Work with employers to improve workplace mental health and wellbeing | | | | |

