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MHCA launches new name: Mental Health Australia

The Mental Health Council of Australia (MHCA) has today launched its new name – Mental Health Australia.

“Mental Health Australia more accurately reflects our role and function as the national peak for mental health in this country,” Mental Health Australia CEO Frank Quinlan said.

“The name and identity better represents our practice of being open and inclusive, as we work towards reforming mental health in Australia.

“It encapsulates our focus on the mental health sector, people with a lived experience of mental illness and those who care for them.

“Our purpose and vision remain the same; we want mentally healthy people and mentally healthy communities.”

The MHCA was established in 1997 as the first independent peak body in Australia to represent the full spectrum of mental health stakeholders and issues.

Mental Health Australia’s members include national organisations representing consumers, carers, special needs groups, clinical service providers, public and private mental health service providers, researchers and state/territory community mental health peak bodies.

Members voted to change the name at the same time as they established new corporate arrangements to support the work of the organisation into the future.

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