

**Recovery Colleges Expert Panel  
Meeting 7 – 26 July 2018  
Communique**

On Thursday 26 July 2018 the Recovery College Expert Panel (Panel) met for their seventh meeting at the Mental Health Commission (MHC).

The MHC provided the Panel with a summary of all of the feedback received as part of the community consultation process, which included:

- 15 community organisations engaged through an expression of interest grants process where workshops were held with approximately 674 attendees;
- online survey completed by 83 respondents;
- one written submission; and
- one telephone response.

The Panel reviewed the feedback received from the community consultation process and used this to continue to refine the Draft Model of Service. The key areas discussed by the Panel included the:

- name of the Recovery College;
- aim;
- underpinning principles of the Model of Service and the inclusion of outreach and engagement with disadvantaged populations;
- inclusion of cultural advisors;
- inclusion of opportunities for scholarship and funding of courses;
- possibility for participants to accrue continuing professional development points and the ability for courses to articulate into further study options;
- provision that courses be open to all learners; and
- principle of co-design to be included in the development of the governance model to be used by the Recovery College.

The Panel is continuing to refine the Draft Model of Service with the aim to endorse the Draft Model of Service at the next Panel meeting. Once endorsed, this Draft Model of Service will be presented to the MHC for inclusion in the Business Case which will be submitted to government. This Draft Model of Service will also be released for a second round of community consultation prior to being finalised by October 2018.

The next Panel meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 7 August 2018.