

Invitation To Comment

The *Mental Health Act 2014* (the Act) provides for the treatment, care, support and protection of people who have a mental illness; the protection of the rights of people who have a mental illness; and the recognition of the role of families and carers in providing the best possible care and support to people who have a mental illness, in the least restrictive environment.

The Act is an important piece of legislation that at its essence impacts on fundamental human rights, and provides protections to support these rights. However, we need to know that these are working, and if they are not working as well as they could be, we need to know why, and how to change this to ensure that they do.

We want to hear your raw and real-life stories. Your experience is the expertise that will help ensure the Statutory Review of the Act produces the intended outcomes – positive legislative change to benefit the Western Australian Community.

You are invited to provide a submission to the Statutory Review, telling us in your own voice about your personal experiences and interactions with the Act.

You are encouraged to provide comment on the Act as a whole, or on individual parts, and to share which perspective your feedback is from (i.e. consumer, family member, clinician, former involuntary patient).

All submissions will be considered and will help inform a report and recommendations for amendments to the Act which will be tabled in Parliament.

This Discussion Paper has been prepared as a tool to assist you in providing feedback and includes some questions that you may like to include in your response.

Alternatively, you can make any comment in relation to the Act that you wish to be considered.

In addition to general feedback, you are also encouraged to comment on:

- Specific issues that have been raised over the past five years (Chapter 3)
- A set of previously proposed amendments (Chapter 4).

Thank you for contributing to enhancing the *Mental Health Act (2014)* for the Western Australian community.

Submissions Close:
4:00pm, Monday, 31 January 2022



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