

# Preparing your Submission

To assist in the preparation of your submission, please refer to the below tips and useful questions. You may like to use the suggested questions as headings in a written response, or as a prompt in providing a verbal response.

## General Tips

If comfortable to do so, please detail from what perspective you are providing feedback. This will assist in identifying common concerns raised within and across groups. For example you might say:

- 43-year-old man from Perth with experience of being an involuntary patient on a locked ward;
- Parent of a 15-year-old female child who received treatment in the South-West for an eating disorder;
- Forensic Psychiatrist working in the metropolitan area;
- 60-year woman who identifies as an Aboriginal person and lives in the Kimberley.

Where you can, please include a reference to the section or Part of the Act.

If you are responding to a previously identified issue or previously proposed amendment referred to in this Discussion Paper, please use the number references (i.e. 3.1).

If you are providing comment on a new issue (not addressed directly in this Discussion Paper) please indicate 'new issue' in your comments.

## Useful questions for responding to Chapter 2: The Mental Health Act

- What is working well with the Act...  
Why do you think this is... How did this impact you?
- What is not working well with the Act...  
Why do you think this is... How did this impact you?
- If something is not working well, do you think a change to the Act will improve it?
  - » If yes, what change to the Act do you think is required?
    - Can you identify any problems with changing the Act in this way?
    - What experience, knowledge or information supports the changes to the Act that you suggest?
  - » If a change to the Act is not needed, how could change be achieved? i.e policies, procedures, guidelines and/or education?
- Are your responses based on your perspective/experience as a consumer, family member or carer, clinician or another stakeholder?
- Any other feedback on the Act?

### Useful questions for responding to an issue/s in Chapter 3: Previously Identified Issues

Please indicate in your response (where possible):

- The issue number as indicated in the Discussion Paper (eg 3.3);
- Your view on the issue;
- If you think an amendment would assist, what would you suggest? Why have you suggested this?
- If you don't think an amendment would assist, what would you suggest? Could this issue be addressed through policies, procedures, guidelines and/or education?

### Useful questions for responding to Chapter 4: Previously Proposed Amendments

Please indicate in your response (where possible):

- The amendment number;
- Your view on the issue;
- If you think the suggested amendment should be made, why or why not?

## Providing your Submission

Feedback can be provided via the following methods:



In writing by email to [statutoryreview@mhc.wa.gov.au](mailto:statutoryreview@mhc.wa.gov.au)



In writing, sent to:

Mental Health Act Statutory Review  
System Development  
Mental Health Commission  
GPO Box X2299, Perth  
Business Centre WA 6847



On the phone by calling **6553 0561** any time and leaving a voice message of up to 5 minutes (this will be transcribed).



By taking part in face-to-face sessions facilitated in the community by individuals, groups and organisations. Information on some of these sessions will be available on the Statutory Review website [www.mhc.wa.gov.au/mhactreview](http://www.mhc.wa.gov.au/mhactreview)

### Contact Us

For assistance to provide a submission, or to speak to one of the Project Team please contact [statutoryreview@mhc.wa.gov.au](mailto:statutoryreview@mhc.wa.gov.au) or phone 6553 0600.

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