

## 8.4.3 RESPONSE FROM QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT



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and Minister for Trade

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Dear Mr Mendoza

Thank you for your letter of 24 March 2005 inviting a Queensland response to the draft report *'Not for Service' Experiences of Injustice and Despair in Mental Health Care in Australia*.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the work of the Mental Health Council of Australia and the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission in documenting the experiences of those Queensland consumers and community members who participated in community forums and surveys. As invited in your previous letter, the attached Queensland submission takes the opportunity to address issues raised in the draft report. It also provides additional information on the considerable changes to mental health services which have occurred in the past decade in Queensland through implementation of the Ten Year for Mental Health Services (1993) and achievements measured under the National Health Strategy.

Queensland will continue to strive to improve consumer and carer input and linkages with the non-Government sector to deliver responsive mental health services. The enclosed submission also discusses the need for Queensland's services to meet the challenges of a growing and diverse population and the increasing impact of drug and alcohol problems in the community.

Thank you again for contacting me about this important national project.

Yours sincerely

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