

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS ARE INVITED ON THE SECOND EXPOSURE DRAFT OF THE MENTAL HEALTH (TREATMENT AND CARE) AMENDMENT BILL 2013

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION – 17 APRIL 2013 TO 28 MAY 2013

Feedback from the first exposure draft of proposed revisions to the ACT Mental Health Act has informed the development of a second exposure draft, which is now open for six weeks of public consultation until 28 May 2013.

The Review of the Mental Health Act, a joint initiative of ACT Health and the Justice and Community Safety Directorate, has benefitted from several years' work and the input of a wide range of community organisations, stakeholders and interest groups including mental health consumers and carers. The review is near completion with the Amendment Bill expected to be finalised by the end of the year.

The second Exposure Draft is now open for comment and submissions will be accepted until 28 May 2013. No extensions will be granted for late submissions.

All public comment received by 28 May 2013 will be considered by the Review Advisory Committee for the final Amendment Bill.

To download copies of the Review Documents and for details of how to provide feedback, including a schedule of public and stakeholder meetings, please visit the ACT Government's community engagement website 'Time to Talk' website at <http://timetotalk.act.gov.au/>.

All submissions will be published on the Health Directorate website at the end of the consultation period. If you do not want your submission published or would like it published without your name please indicate your wishes clearly in your submission.