



Speech By  
**Hon. Yvette D'Ath**

**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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## **MENTAL HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE**

### **Order of Appointment**



**Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (4.22 pm): I move—

1. A select committee, to be known as the Mental Health Select Committee, be established to undertake an inquiry and report on the opportunities to improve mental health outcomes for Queenslanders.  
In undertaking the inquiry, the committee consider:
  - (a) the economic and societal impact of mental illness in Queensland;
  - (b) the current needs of and impacts on the mental health service system in Queensland;
  - (c) opportunities to improve economic and social participation of people with mental illness through comprehensive, coordinated, and integrated mental health services (including alcohol and other drugs and suicide prevention):
    - a. across the care continuum from prevention, crisis response, harm reduction, treatment and recovery;
    - b. across sectors, including Commonwealth funded primary care and private specialist services, state funded specialist mental health services, non-government services and services funded by the NDIS;
  - (d) the experiences and leadership of people with lived experience of mental illness, problematic substance use and suicidality and their families and carers;
  - (e) the mental health needs of people at greater risk of poor mental health;
  - (f) how investment by the Queensland government and other levels of government can enhance outcomes for Queenslanders requiring mental health treatment and support;
  - (g) service safety and quality, workforce improvement and digital capability;
  - (h) mental health funding models in Australia; and
  - (i) relevant national and state policies, reports and recent inquiries including the Productivity Commission Mental Health Inquiry Report.
2. The committee have power to call for persons, documents and other items;
3. The committee report to the Legislative Assembly by 31 May 2022;
4. The committee consist of eight members of the Legislative Assembly: four members (including the Chairperson) appointed by the Leader of the House and four members appointed by the Leader of the Opposition;
5. That, notwithstanding anything contained in standing orders, the appointment of members to the committee shall be by the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition in writing to the Clerk with their appointments by 10 December 2021. The Clerk to table the letters of appointment.
6. If the Leader of the Opposition does not appoint all required members as outlined in 4. by the date in 5., the select committee is still a fully constituted committee with the members appointed by the Leader of the House.