

Dear Matthew,

The reform contained in the exposure paper is fully supported by myself and key leaders within Mental Health and State-wide Services, MHSS.

I am aware that the Mental Health Rethink project began before the announcement of the reform project. In the exposure paper Rethink is referred to but no specific detail was given as to how this project would dovetail with the overall White paper. This was concern expressed by the MHSS leadership and it raised, possibly unfounded, concerns that we would not be treated with the same degree of urgency as other services. It is important that this piece of work is included so as not to silo MHSS from the rest of the health services community. This will ensure that Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug, Forensic and Correctional Health are seen as part of the broader health framework of specialist services.

I would be happy to discuss this further should you wish.

***Warm Regards***

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