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WA Labor Leader
Hon Mark McGowan MLA
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To the Hon Mark McGowan,

RE: MENTAL HEALTH PORTFOLIO

You were recently sent a copy of our letter to the Premier dated 3rd March calling for the retention of a dedicated mental health portfolio and Mental Health Commission.

We see this as essential to sustaining mental health investment and reform to prevent suicides and improve access to the right supports to achieve greater recovery and wellbeing.

We were therefore delighted to hear of your pre-election commitment to retain the portfolio and Commission in your media release.

Thank you for listening to our members.

Mental health consumers are a voice for change, and CoMHWa is committed to supporting our members to offer ongoing lived experience guidance and leadership to the work of current and future Ministers and Commission leaders, to achieve good outcomes for consumers.

Yours sincerely,

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