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Hon Colin Barnett MLA  
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WEST PERTH WA 6005  
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Dear Premier,

**RE: MENTAL HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

We are making contact following our letter to your office on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 calling for the retention of a dedicated mental health portfolio and Mental Health Commission.

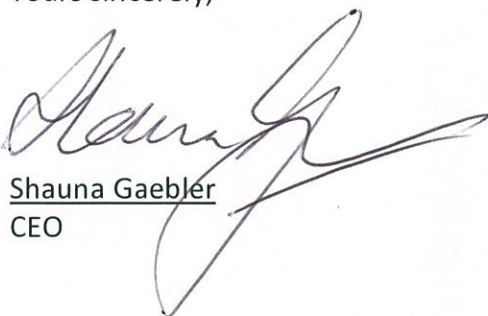
We see this as essential to sustaining mental health investment and reform to prevent suicides and improve access to the right supports to achieve greater recovery and wellbeing.

We were therefore delighted to hear of your commitment to preserve the portfolio and Commission in your interview with Perth Now last week.

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 Minister and Commission to achieve good outcomes for consumers.

Yours sincerely,



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CEO

Cc Mark McGowan, Hon Helen Morton, Mr Tim Marney