1. The development of a new five-year plan for Queensland’s state-funded mental health, alcohol and other drug (MHAOD) services and suicide prevention is a key priority of the Queensland Government.
2. *Better Care Together: a plan for Queensland’s state-funded mental health, alcohol and other drug services to 2027* (*Better Care Together*) builds upon the successful implementation of *Connecting Care to Recovery – A Plan for Queensland’s State Funded Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drug Services 2016-2021*.
3. The priorities and action areas of *Better Care Together* align with key national and state strategies, including *Shifting minds: Queensland Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs Strategic Plan 2018-2023*, *Achieving balance: The Queensland Alcohol and Other Drugs Plan*, the Australian Productivity Commission’s *Report into Mental Health*, and the new *National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Agreement* and associated *Bilateral Schedule on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention*.
4. On 6 June 2022, the Mental Health Select Committee (MHSC) tabled *Report No. 1, 57th Parliament, Inquiry into the opportunities to improve mental health outcomes for Queenslanders*.
5. The Queensland Government supports 47 of the MHSC’s 57 recommendations. The remaining 10 recommendations are proposed to be supported in principle because, while the Queensland Government conceptually supports these recommendations, responsibility for implementation sits outside of the Queensland Government and/or further consideration and consultation is required before the recommendation can be implemented.
6. While many of the MHSC recommendations will be implemented through *Better Care Together*, a multi-agency approach and a range of Queensland Government strategies will deliver on the findings of the MHSC report.
7. Cabinet approved the public release of *Better Care Together* and its associated paper *Digital Information Strategy for Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Healthcare 2022-2027*;andapproved the tabling of the Queensland Government response to the MHSC report in the Legislative Assembly by the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services.
8. *Attachments*:
* [*Better Care Together: a plan for Queensland’s state-funded mental health, alcohol and other drug services to 2027*](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2022/Aug/BetterCareTogether/Attachments/Plan.PDF)
* [*Digital Information Strategy for Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Healthcare 2022-2027*](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2022/Aug/BetterCareTogether/Attachments/Strategy.PDF)
* [Mental Health Select Committee *Report No. 1, 57th Parliament, Inquiry into the opportunities to improve mental health outcomes for Queenslanders*](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2022/Aug/BetterCareTogether/Attachments/Report.PDF)
* [Queensland Government response to the Mental Health Select Committee *Report No. 1, 57th Parliament, Inquiry into the opportunities to improve mental health outcomes for Queenslanders*](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2022/Aug/BetterCareTogether/Attachments/Response.PDF)