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Logan to have say on State mental health, alcohol & drug strategies

Logan and surrounding communities are being encouraged to comment on a high level plan that sets the direction of action to improve mental health and wellbeing.

The *Queensland Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Strategic Plan 2014-2019* is a whole of government plan first developed in 2014.

On **April 4 and 5**, the Queensland Mental Health Commission will host consultation forums on the Strategic Plan renewal at the **Logan Entertainment Centre, 170 Wembley Road, Logan Central**.

Queensland Mental Health Commissioner Dr Lesley van Schoubroeck said: "It is important that the voices of all Queenslanders, from all sectors, are heard during the renewal process.

"Logan and surrounding communities is home to a large and diverse community with unique needs and service priorities. We'll be there to listen to local perspectives and make sure the community has a say about what's important to them.

"It is particularly important that we hear from people with lived experience of mental illness, problematic alcohol and other drug use and those affected by suicide, as well as their families, carers and supporters."

Dr van Schoubroeck noted that significant mental health reform, action and new services had been delivered across Queensland.

"Improving mental health and wellbeing takes time and it is important that our efforts are continually reviewed to ensure they meet the changing needs of Queenslanders and align with recent reforms," she said.

Discussion papers on key topics are available for comment if people are unable to attend a consultation forum. Registrations to attend the two Logan forums are under 'Strategic Plan renewal' on the Commission's website www.qmhc.qld.gov.au

Location	Date	Forum
Logan	4 April 2017	Lived experience forum
	5 April 2017	Community forum

NOTE: Media will not be able to attend the forums, but interview of a QMHC officer will be available.