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SECTOR PEAK CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC ON NEW COMMISSION

Queensland Alliance for Mental Health welcomes today's announcement by the State Government to establish a Queensland Mental Health Commission.

"Queensland Alliance for Mental Health is encouraged by the government's decision to create a Queensland Mental Health Commission," said Acting CEO, Richard Nelson.

"While we do welcome today's announcement, the Alliance does remain somewhat cautiously optimistic regarding the specifics of such a structure."

"The positive impact this entity could have on advocacy, stigma reduction and elevating mental health policy in government circles is an exciting development."

"The government has committed to a comprehensive consultation process regarding the specific scope and legislative framework within which the Commission might operate and Queensland Alliance looks forward to working with government and other key stakeholders on developing this important framework."

"Details surrounding the transparency and the genuine independence of the Commission will be a focus for Queensland Alliance for Mental Health as it's felt these issues are central to the long term effectiveness of an independent body and in the best interests of all mental health service providers, consumers and carers."

"The community mental health sector is integral to effective mental health service provision. The sector can be confident that the Alliance has a seat at the table and will continue to advocate for the needs of our members and the sector broadly."

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