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### **REAL PEOPLES' LIVES GUIDE GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH**

A landmark Summit tomorrow will allow Queenslanders with mental illness and their families to speak directly to Government on the future of community services in mental health.

“This is the first time in Australia that such a dialogue has occurred. We believe the community will benefit from an investment plan based in real peoples’ real lives,” said Jeff Cheverton, CEO of the Queensland Alliance.

The Queensland Community Mental Health Summit is a partnership between the Minister of Disability Services, Annastacia Palaszczuk and the Queensland Alliance, peak body for the mental health community sector.

Premier of Queensland, Anna Bligh will open the Community Mental Health Summit.

**“This historic Summit will bring together people with mental illness, their families and community services to identify Queenslanders' key concerns,” Mr Cheverton said.**

“Government members will be present to hear these concerns and create a long term plan to improve community mental health and the lives of those touched by mental illness.”

Australian of the Year Patrick McGorry will address an audience of community services, clients and their families from all over Queensland.

The Queensland Community Mental Health Summit 2010 will be held on Wednesday 8 December at the State Library of Queensland at 9am.

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