

**RESPONSE TO ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS
JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (RELIGIOUS
FREEDOMS AND EQUALITY) BILL 2020**

QUESTION 1: Could you provide information or evidence on how discriminatory legislation impacts the mental health of people who identify as LGBTIQ+?

ANSWER: The Mental Health Commission does not have any further information on this topic.

QUESTION 2: Does the Commission now acknowledge it should never write two different submissions on the same issues, that it has an important responsibility to the people of NSW on the question of mental health to always provide consistent, fearless, accurate and professional advice to a Parliamentary Committee? How can it have views supporting the Bill in its first submission but then a neutral stance in its second submission?

ANSWER: The NSW Mental Health Commission has made statements both in the Public Hearing on 16 November 2020 as well as in the subsequent response to the Question on Notice, and does not have anything further to add.