

# Who cares about your mental health?



ORYGEN'S ELECTION PRIORITIES FOR MENTAL HEALTH	ALP	LIBERAL/NATIONAL	GREENS* No specific funding or program measures
<b>Commitment to additional funding specifically for early intervention and youth mental health service delivery</b>	450 additional psychologists, counsellors and student support officers to all high schools <hr/> Mental health first aid training to public school principals and senior staff to better assist students and colleagues	100 additional psychologists and counsellors, and 350 student support officers in all high schools	Expand treatment services for young people (particularly in rural areas) <hr/> Develop specialist youth health services <hr/> Engagement of young people in development of programs and policies
<b>Commitment to additional funding into mental health services</b>	Introduce nurse-to-patient ratios in mental health units <hr/> 30 additional clinical psychologists <hr/> Enhanced mental health unit at Goulburn Hospital <hr/> \$40 million for more mental health beds <hr/> An additional \$1 million for eating disorder treatment services in the Illawarra	Commitment to increase in health workforce including psychiatrists and mental health nurses (no specific detail provided)	Increase funding for: • Community mental health • In-patient services and emergency department specialist psychiatric services
<b>Commitment to additional funding in suicide prevention</b>	No commitments	<b>Pre-election:</b> commitment \$90 million into aftercare initiatives (Oct 2018)	A focus on youth suicide research
<b>Focus on early intervention mental health services for young people in contact with the justice system</b>	No commitments	No commitments	No commitments
<b>Commitment to mental health services for other specific population groups (e.g. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, newly arrived populations, regional and rural communities, LGBTIQ communities)</b>	An additional \$20 million to partner with regional not-for-profit mental health groups <hr/> An additional \$3 million for improved technology to support rural tele-health initiatives to assist mental health workers and patients	No commitments	Rural, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders but no funding specified
<b>A focus on mental health system reform</b>	A NSW Legislative Council parliamentary inquiry into the NSW mental health system	No commitments	No commitments

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