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The Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Senior Officials Group (MHSPSO) held its ninth meeting on 8 July 2024.

Members continued preparations for the Health and Mental Health Ministers discussion on mental health.

Members discussed progress on national priorities including:

- the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy (Clause 110),
- the National Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Strategy (clause 114), and
- the National Mutual Recognition Project being led by MHSPSO's Safety and Quality Working Group that aims to harmonise mental health legislation across all states and territories.

Members heard updates regarding the First Nations-centered suicide aftercare service model being implemented across the Territory, including insights for culturally appropriate suicide prevention services.

Members noted the recent Australian Government announcement to establish two independent national mental health lived experience peak bodies.

- Media release from the Commonwealth Minister for Health and Aged Care can be accessed at <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/peak-bodies-to-represent-carers-consumers-with-experience-of-mental-health?language=en>.
- The National Mental Health Consumer Alliance will establish the new National Mental Health Consumer Peak Body.
- Mental Health Carers Australia will establish the new National Mental Health Carers, Family and Kin Peak Body.