

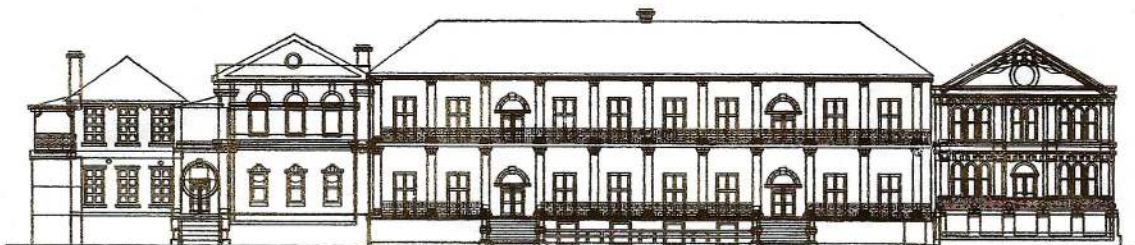


LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

BEING MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMERS CONFERENCE AND GALA DINNER

The Hon. SCOTT FARLOW (10:10): I move:

- (1) That this House recognises that:
 - (a) BEING – Mental Health Consumers is an independent, peak organisation in New South Wales, which represents people with lived experience of mental health challenges and emotional distress;
 - (b) The mental health sector works tirelessly to support those dealing with mental illness and has made considerable strides over recent years in breaking the stigma that has been associated with mental illness, ensuring people can access the treatment they deserve; and
 - (c) Mr Fayez Nour, Chairperson of BEING - Mental Health Consumers, is a tireless advocate for improving the experience of those living with mental health challenges in New South Wales and has a unifying presence in bringing together the mental health sector to make advancements to the benefit of the community.
- (2) That this House notes that:
 - (a) On Tuesday 8 November 2022 at Parliament House in Sydney, a conference and gala dinner was held celebrating 30 years since the establishment of the NSW Consumer Advisory Group and placement of lived experience of mental health at the centre of NSW Mental Health Strategy, sponsored by the Hon. Scott Farlow, MLC, and





- (b) The conference and gala dinner was attended by representatives from a diverse array in the mental health sector, including the following dignitaries:
- (i) the Hon. Bronnie Taylor, MLC, Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health and Minister for Mental Health;
 - (ii) Lucy Brogden, AM, Former Chair, National Mental Health Commission;
 - (iii) Dr Brandon Flynn, A/Executive Director, Mental Health Branch;
 - (iv) Fayez Nour, Chairperson, BEING - Mental Health Consumers;
 - (v) Priscilla Brice, CEO, BEING - Mental Health Consumers;
 - (vi) Ryan Park, MP, Shadow Minister for Mental Health and Member for Keira, the Hon. Shayne Mallard, MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Western Sydney, Cate Faehrmann, MLC, Tanya Davies, MP, Member for Mulgoa, Hugh McDermott, MP, Member for Prospect, Alex Greenwich, MP, Member for Sydney and the Hon. Scott Farlow, MLC, Government Whip in the Legislative Council;
 - (vii) Carmel Tebbutt, CEO, Mental Health Coordinating Council and former Deputy Premier of New South Wales;
 - (viii) Catherine Lourey, NSW Mental Health Commissioner;
 - (ix) Founding members of the NSW Consumer Advisory Group – Mental Health including Dr Cris MacLeod, Dr Jenny Learmont AM, Helen Blum, Janet Meagher, AM, John Olsen, Keith Horsnell, Maree Croker, Peter Schaecken, Ray Brown;
 - (x) over 160 attendees from across the Mental Health Sector.

Motion agreed to.

