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Reducing Illicit Drug Use and its Effects on the  
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Dear Ms Xamon

**INQUIRY INTO ALTERNATE APPROACHES TO REDUCING ILLICIT DRUG USE AND ITS EFFECTS ON THE COMMUNITY**

Thank you for your letter dated 12 December 2018, inviting a submission from the Mental Health Commission (MHC) to the Western Australian Parliament Select Committee Inquiry into Alternate Approaches to Reducing Illicit Drug Use and its Effects on the Community (the Select Committee).

The focus of the Select Committee's Inquiry is the experience and impact of alternate approaches used in other Australian and international jurisdictions. I understand that the Select Committee's interest appears to be external to Western Australia and will research and seek information from these other jurisdictions.

In order to prepare a submission, the MHC will need to conduct research that will parallel the work of the Select Committee. Consequently, at this time, there appears to be little unique information that the MHC can contribute to the Select Committee's work that it might not otherwise independently gather. For these reasons, I do not plan to make a submission.

However, as the work of the Select Committee develops, there may be information or insights that the MHC may uniquely contribute that the Select Committee may identify. I will be pleased to consider any requests where the Select Committee considers the MHC may be of assistance to the Inquiry.

Thank you for considering the MHC in the important work of the Select Committee.

Yours sincerely

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COMMISSIONER

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