

I have attached some information relating to the Broken Hill AOD Clinic Steering Committee. I have not been able to find the e-petition on Parliaments website, I suspect because it closed without actually being presented as it did not have enough signatures. From memory it closed approx 6/12/23.

There are different Community views on the Rehab Facility and this proposal, however I feel that its important to acknowledge that Community Members have been working towards something they think will bring positive change. The final outcome may not look like what is actually presented in their proposal, but as a community we need to be communicating our needs.

Community Withdrawal and Residential Rehabilitation

Facility: [file:///D:/Downloads/Tabled%20document%201%20-%20PC%20%20-%2022%20February%202023%20\(Park\).pdf](file:///D:/Downloads/Tabled%20document%201%20-%20PC%20%20-%2022%20February%202023%20(Park).pdf)

Media links:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-04-28/community-call-for-drug-rehab-centre-in-broken-hill/102278324>

<https://www.markcoulton.com.au/drug-and-alcohol-rehabilitation-centre-a-step-closer-to-becoming-a-reality/>

Thank you for the opportunity,

regards

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Additional link provided:

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Hansard/Pages/HansardResult.aspx#/docid/HANSARD-1820781676-95091>

I was asked about what support for victims would look like and I have a few thoughts based on my own experience.

Ongoing and could be community wide - Review of business and home owners security at premises and for vehicles. This could be formed by community involvement with a Neighbourhood Watch type program where people can request a Security Audit of their homes. In particular for the elderly.

This is a pie in the sky idea, but a taxation deduction when security type items are purchased for homes - or a claimable set amount. I believe they would already be tax deductible for a business. for example - Ring cameras, window locks, security screens, secure window film and security door locks etc.

Solid community policing support for victims where the officers aren't just ticking a box but are trained to actively listen to victims and hear any feedback they have regarding the incident. Social work skills and psychological counselling skills. Coping mechanisms are really important. For myself I have referred to my waking at 2.22 each night. I also cannot sleep with my back to the bedroom door (which is my normal sleeping position).

More thought given to updating a victim as to what is happening with their event. - Actually ask them what they want to know and how they want to be communicated with. It may be a phone call with news, and a letter when nothing to report but that the investigations are ongoing.

My final one would be looking at excess payments to insurers when making a claim. - In my instance I had two car claims, a property claim and a contents claim. - so four claims, four lots of excess payments. Supposedly if someone is charged /found guilty of the crime on your property, you should get your excess reimbursed. My advice from APIA was that they would look into the police report. I never heard from them.

I hope this is in an acceptable format. Also if I do have any other thoughts or collect anything additional from the Community, I will ensure I share with you.

Kind regards and with thanks for enabling us to participate.

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