



GOVERNMENT INQUIRY INTO
Mental Health and Addiction
Oranga Tāngata, Oranga Whānau

10 October 2018

Tēnā koutou katoa, Talofa lava and warm Pacific greetings

This will be my final update before the Inquiry panel presents our report to the Government.

The Government has agreed to my request for a one month extension for delivery of the report from 31 October to 30 November 2018.

The Panel is committed to presenting a quality report that will set a clear direction for the future of mental health and addiction in Aotearoa New Zealand.

The extra time will ensure we can do justice to the volume of submissions – over 5,500 – and the volume of information we've gathered over the course of the Inquiry. This includes the extensive reflections and ideas many of you have shared with us at over 400 meetings since we started our work in February.

Our focus now is on producing the Inquiry report. When the report is complete we will deliver it to the Minister of Health. The Government will then decide what actions they will take on the report release and its recommendations.

Our website <https://www.mentalhealth.inquiry.govt.nz/> will continue to have all relevant information, including an update when we deliver the Inquiry report, and a link to the report when it is published by the Government.

On behalf of the Panel, I acknowledge the contribution of so many people who have taken the time to share their views. Your insights and ideas have been a great source of inspiration to us throughout the Inquiry. We're looking forward to delivering our report soon.

Ngā mihi

Ron Paterson

Inquiry Chair