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The Hon. Mr. Mark Butler,
Minister for Mental Health & Ageing,
P.O. Box 2038,
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Dear Mr. Butler,

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Catholics in Coalition for Justice & Peace is a coalition of individuals and groups, working for the emergence of just social structures in Australia and overseas. It works as an integral part of the Church at the service of the world and especially for the victims of injustice.

CCJP aims to act in solidarity with the poor, deprived and oppressed people of Australia and the world in the struggle for justice and peace.

Our members congratulate the government on the decision to allocate \$2.2 billion to mental health services over the next 5 years. Early intervention, co-ordination of services and research are all important to the wellbeing of people suffering mental illness.

Our community has suffered as a result of the lack of support available particularly in regional areas.

A healthy economy requires that its workforce be healthy and well educated. Good mental health is a prerequisite to gaining employment and in maintaining a fulfilling life.

Congratulations, we look forward to further constructive changes from the Government.

Yours Faithfully,

Christine Brenton
(On behalf of Catholics in Coalition for Justice & Peace)