

## Media release

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### Queensland Mental Health Commissioner launches Mind State Office

Mind's first Queensland State Office was officially opened on Friday by the Queensland Commissioner for Mental Health, Mr Ivan Frkovic. Mind's new State Office, located in Ipswich, is also home to Mind's Complex Care Support Service and Mental Health and Wellbeing Centre.

Speaking at a breakfast event in Brisbane to mark the occasion, Mr Frkovic welcomed Mind's investment in mental health support services in the state, particularly in dual disability services, supported independent living and complex care services – and particularly in regional areas where service choices are critically limited.

The opening of a state office in Queensland for the first time reflects Mind's growing presence and commitment to long-term growth of its services in Queensland. It has successfully established sub-acute Prevention and Recovery Care centres, complex care units and residential services in Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Toowoomba and Ipswich – a total of eight in all.

In late 2018 Mind began partnerships with Central Queensland and Wide Bay Hospital and Health Services to deliver support services in sub-acute residences in Gladstone and Bundaberg. Mind has four new Youth Prevention and Recovery Care centres planned in Queensland.

The next phase of Mind's development in Queensland will focus on building a specialist capacity in the delivery of packages of support to NDIS participants who have complex care and support requirements.

This builds on Mind's strengths in complex care and dual disability through its experience in Victoria and South Australia and also the specific expertise and reputation of Denise Cummings, our Queensland General Manager.

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