**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGY TARGETED CONSULTATIONS**

The National Suicide Prevention Office (NSPO) has engaged Suicide Prevention Australia to support the development of the National Suicide Prevention Strategy by undertaking one part of a series of consultations with groups disproportionately impacted by suicide. We are seeking to consult with people with lived and living experience of suicide, sector representatives and other relevant stakeholders who support:

* Culturally and linguistically diverse people
* Men
* Older people (aged 65 years and over)
* Residents in regional, rural and remote areas
* People living with a disability including those who are deaf or hard-of-hearing

Consultations with other population groups such as young people, First Nations peoples, and LGBTQIA+ are being undertaken separately and are not within the scope of this initiative.

**What you will be asked to do:**

Consider the specific needs of the population of focus and identify specific priority actions that governments, government agencies and organisations and communities can take to:

* Enhance aspects of wellbeing which protect against suicide
* Mitigate the impact of drivers of distress and suicide risk factors

A discussion paper will be provided in advance of the consultations to allow time to prepare comments and to guide discussion on the day.

**Outcome**

Suicide Prevention Australia will produce a report capturing priority actions identified in consultations to be provided to the National Suicide Prevention Office to inform their work on the next Strategy.

**What is required:**

Attend one 2-hour consultation. Should additional input be required, participants may be asked to provide some follow-up comments or to participate in a second 2-hour session.

Participants with lived experience who aren’t an employed organisation representative will be paid for their participation in accordance with Suicide Prevention Australia’s Lived Experience Engagement and Participation Guidelines.

**Key information**

Key Dates: Consultations will run between 11 April to 21 April 2023.

Key Times: Consultations will run during block times of 10am-12pm, and 2pm-4pm.

We hope to finalise dates and times by the end of March.

**Project Contact**

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**How to complete your Expression of Interest**

Please answer the following questions and submit responses to Caitlin Bambridge, Senior Policy Advisor, caitlinb@suicidepreventionaust.org. If you require support in completing your expression of interest, please contact Caitlin on 0435 546 059.

You only need to share what you feel comfortable with. For privacy purposes, your information will only be shared with Suicide Prevention Australia, SenateSHJ who have been contracted to facilitate the consultations, and the NSPO who requested a copy of final consultation participants. Your information will not be shared with any other parties or for any other purpose.

**Question 1. Please provide your name, mobile, email and state/territory of residence.**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Mobile** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **State/Territory** |  |

**Question 2. Which population group consultation would you like to attend?**

We understand there may be more than one group you would like to contribute to. If this is the case please number in order of preference.

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| *E.g. Culturally and linguistically diverse, men, older people (aged 65 years and over), residents in regional, rural and remote areas, or people living with a disability including those who are deaf or hard-of-hearing* |

**Question 3. Please describe your lived experience and/or sector experience in relation to the population group consultation you wish to attend.**

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| Max 400 words. |

**Question 4. Are there any dates during the consultation period (11/04-21/04) that you are unable to attend? Please specify.** We will attempt to accommodate as best as possible but cannot guarantee.

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| Max 200 words. |

If you are interested to hear directly of future opportunities for consultation with the NSPO on the draft Strategy please register your interest at this link: [https://haveyoursay.mentalhealthcommission.gov.au/hub-page/nspo](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fhaveyoursay.mentalhealthcommission.gov.au%2Fhub-page%2Fnspo&data=05%7C01%7Ccaitlinb%40suicidepreventionaust.org%7C423cad6e580e462a0d8c08db28ca3047%7Cc0bd0422b1ad4140afc26342a8ad704a%7C1%7C0%7C638148621088604329%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C7000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=H1Gq1erOKtTXHq%2FBMVQJRwGtXjNA%2BresHb3qZWhlQ%2Fw%3D&reserved=0)

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**Lifeline: 13 11 14**

**StandBy Support After Suicide: 1300 727 247**