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| **INFORMATION SHARING** (Section 3.3) |
| The **Royal Commission made many recommendations** that relate to information sharing. Many are not directly related to the new act but are about how new systems and guidelines should be introduced.Specific to the new act, the commission recommended that: the Mental Health and Wellbeing Act **specifies the ways in which information about mental health and wellbeing may be collected and used.**The consultation paper discusses a new information infrastructure that will be developed in a sperate process.The **proposed changes to the act** include:* **New principles** that will guide information collection include:
	+ providing consumers with access to their own information as soon as reasonably practicable after it is requested.
	+ respect and dignity when recording consumer information.
	+ respect for consumers’ diverse backgrounds and needs.
	+ accountability for high-quality information collection and use
	+ consumer consent and privacy
	+ supporting transitions between services or care levels, and integrated services
	+ the important role of families, carers and supporters and their need to access appropriate information and the importance of information sharing to promote and maintain their physical, emotional, cultural and psychological safety.
	+ the right of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to self-determination and to have their information shared in a way that is culturally sensitive and considers their familial and community connections.
	+ transparency between service providers and consumers in relation to information sharing.
* Consumers will also be able to provide further instructions about information sharing through an advance statement.
* Consumers will be able to ask that a statement be included on their record if they disagree with the information in the record.
* New provisions will allow some basic information to be shared across the broader social service system. Consumer will be able to say this shouldn’t be shared
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| **Question** | **What has been said by consumers** | **Your ideas for answering the questions** |
| **Question 7:** Do you think the proposals meet the Royal Commission’s recommendations about information collection, use and sharing? (Section 3.3 in the paper) | * real time access to medical files by consumers
* right to make changes and corrections to medical files by consumers
* right of consumers to add information to their medical file.
* The only time information should be shared without consent is when the person is physically unable to (ie in a coma) and when children are at risk and mandatory reporting is necessary. Under these circumstances what has been shared must be reported to the consumer and entered into the medical record.
* the sharing of medical information on the grounds of imminent harm to others should not be permitted, only the necessary information to keep someone safe should be shared.
* Have a provision for consumers to identify when a person or service cannot have access to information (excluded persons)
 | Your response to Question 7If no, why? |
| **Question 8:** How do you think the proposals about information collection, use and sharing could be improved? (Section 3.3 in the paper) | Your response to Question 8 |