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Ending Coercion, Together: A National Consumer Blueprint to Eliminate Coercive Practices

Ending Coercion, Together is a consumer-led project, supported by the Alliance, to develop a national blueprint for eliminating coercive practices in mental health settings.

The National Consumer Blueprint will set out a shared vision for eliminating restrictive practices, and priorities for reform. It will provide a consumer-led foundation for a future National Action Plan, involving further engagement with governments and service providers.

The project combines an evidence review, co-creation with a consumer Coercive Practices Expert Group and national consultations to identify consumer priorities and proposed solutions for eliminating coercive practices, including involuntary treatment, seclusion, and physical, mechanical and chemical restraint.

A Steering Committee provides strategic direction and accountability for the Blueprint, with representation from state and territory consumer peaks, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lived experience leaders, multicultural lived experience leaders, peer workforce leaders, and a clinician.

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