



## Suicide Prevention & Support

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### **POLICY**

**The Mental Illness Fellowship of Australia seeks to reduce the risk of suicide amongst people with severe mental illness. We know that suicidal ideation and completed suicide is a major preventable issue which needs to be prioritised.**

### **PRINCIPLES**

Recent Australian research indicates that Schizophrenia, Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) and Mood Disorders such as Bipolar Disorder and Major Depression are particularly linked to increased risk of suicide. MIFA believes that the peer led sector has much to contribute in supporting people affected by suicidal ideation and those who care about them.

### **ACTIONS**

MIFA will advocate for the provision of education and support about suicide risk and appropriate responses for carers and families as well as for staff in the health, community and mental health sector. We will seek support and funding for the development and delivery of peer facilitated groups for people who want help in managing their suicidal feelings.

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