



Continuing discussion about mental health and whether either major party is adequately addressing the need for support and services. Glenn Pilley has been selling The Big Issue for almost two years. At 25, he became psychotic after an acid trip and family and friends had deserted him. Pilley says he could not live on the money he was getting from Centrelink. He talks about his story and says he was sent to Long Bay prison hospital. He received medication for the first time in prison. He was released and became homeless. He slept inside the Sydney Casino until security moved him on. He says he was doing volunteer work at the Salvation Army, which talked him into taking accommodation up with Matthew Talbot Hotel. He talks about what he needed. He says work opportunities are non-existent. Elaine Goddard, carer, says they need practical support for their son. Peter Dutton, Federal Shadow Minister for Health, says the \$1.5b package will provide help to 100,000 people. He talks about providing housing and employment. He says there are services but they are over-subscribed. Mark Butler, Parliamentary Secretary for Health, talks about what the Government is offering in terms of supported accommodation. Prof John Mendoza, former government adviser, says Tanya Plibersek met with his colleagues on the issue, and they saw an opportunity to build the sort of infrastructure that is needed. He says he is tired of the opportunities being lost, and it is because of policy laziness by the governments. He says the Coalition's announcement is the second biggest on mental health. Prof. Patrick McGorry, psychiatrist, comments on supported housing. Johnny Luu, online reporter, talks about the responses on Facebook and Twitter.

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Interviewees: Elaine Goddard, carer; Glenn Pilley, mental health sufferer; Johnny Luu, online reporter; Mark Butler, Parliamentary Secretary for Health; Peter Dutton, Federal Shadow Minister for Health; Prof John Mendoza, former government adviser; Prof. Patrick McGorry, psychiatrist

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