

## MEDIA RELEASE

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A merger of the **Eating Issues Centre (TEIC)** and **Eating Disorders Association (EDA)** in Brisbane, on 5 October 2018, will create the largest community service in Queensland offering support and treatment for individuals living with and recovering from eating disorders, their Carers and loved ones.

The new entity – **Eating Disorders Queensland (EDQ)**, based in Toowong – will be a statewide not-for-profit organisation funded by Queensland Health to provide integrated eating disorder support services to Qld individuals and families living with and recovering from eating disorders, their carers and loved ones.

### **Further funding boost for Eating Disorder Programs**

**EDQ** will continue to receive funding from its primary funding source, Queensland Health, who have committed an additional \$559,000 investment in specialist services to help Queenslanders with eating disorders.

These funds include \$284,000 over two years, to expand the current Peer Mentoring and Meal Support Wellbeing Program for individual post-hospital discharge into a community stepped care treatment approach.

Another \$275,000, over two years, will pilot a new Carer Peer Mentor Program to offer individual support, skills-based training and education for families and carer's of people affected by eating disorders.

The funding has been identified under **Connecting Care to Recovery 2016-2021**: A plan for Queensland's State-funded mental health, alcohol and other drug services to enhance state-wide services for groups and individuals with complex and high-level needs, including specialist eating disorder services.

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**Anyone needing support with eating disorders or body image issues are encouraged to contact:**

Eating Disorders Queensland (EDQ) 07 3844 6055 or [info@eatingissuescentre.org.au](mailto:info@eatingissuescentre.org.au)

Butterfly's National Helpline on 1800 33 4673

For urgent support call Lifeline 13 11 14

EDQ encourages the media to adhere to the Mindframe Guidelines when reporting suicide and eating disorders.

<http://himh.clients.squiz.net/mindframe/home/news/news/2014/mindframes-media-guide-for-eating-disorders-features-in-latest-nedc-e-bulletin>

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