



# Consumer perspective employment in the psychiatric service system: a Victorian view on safety issues \*

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## ABSTRACT

*Opportunities for consumers to explore our employment within the psychiatric service system are urgently needed. This article raises issues and dilemmas concerning un/safety and consumer perspective employment, for ongoing debate and discussion. I identify as a psychiatric service receiver and use the word 'we' generally to refer only to consumers, not to 'people in general'. The word 'consumer' as described here refers to someone who has received a psychiatric service. The Mental Health Statement of Rights and Responsibilities defines 'consumer' as:*

*A person making use of, or being significantly affected by a mental health service (Australian Health Ministers, 1991, p16).*

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