

To Whom it may concern,

I'm a mother of a young daughter. I want to see Australia as a safe place where my child can grow up and express herself and not be labeled mentally ill just because she is different, or just having a bad day.

I'm expressing my grave concerns to the current Draft Report Productivity Commission Issues Paper *The Social and Economic Benefits of Improving Mental Health*.

The intent to improving the mental health in Australia is good, the method proposed in this draft report is not. Widespread screening, early intervention, mental health promotion. All these things are to increase DIAGNOSIS, making people think that there's something wrong with them. To feel is not an illness. To be a kid is not an illness. What this paper is proposing open up the door to more labeling and drugging of our kids, our FUTURE. Do we really want to live in a pop-a-pill-will-make-you-better mentality?

There's already so much funding currently spent on this every year. Why we haven't been making a dent in the issue then? The suicide number not even going down. We need to start investigation on how the current funding is being spent, it's our tax money going down the drain for no result.

Don't drug the children of Australia. Investigate how our money being spent. It's obviously NOT going to right actions.

Regards,

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