

Dear Sir/Madame,

I would like to express my concern at the proposal to screen and drug infants (0-3 years old).

This old chestnut was scrapped in 2015 and for good reason.

The screening questions were so subjective that any child could be at risk of being labelled mentally ill and recommended for a prescription of psychiatric drugs.

Symptoms for so called psychiatric disorders for 0 to 3 year olds include: irregular feeding, difficulty sleeping, whining, crying, temper tantrums, shyness, sleeping with the light on and hyperactivity.

In other words, all of the usual things one could expect of an infant in this age range!

In light of this it is my considered opinion and wish that the formerly thwarted proposal should remain such for the health of our nation.

Don't follow the lead of NZ! We need to keep our own counsel as a caring and nurturing nation.

Kind Regards,

Glen Barnett.

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