

Mental Health Inquiry

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Productivity Commission

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Dear Commission,

I would like to express my disapproval for the recommendations so far.

It is stated that there is no indication that the rise in expenditure in health care has improved the mental health of the population of Australia. Despite this we are proposing more money be spent on this same broken programs that have offered us not results.

Something that is particularly shocking is the proposal to screen zero to three year old for symptoms that they are at risk of developing mental illness meaning we are looking for something before it even exists and then treating a child before any evidence that he has any mental illness. There is no medical diagnosis just a lot of subjective questions. We don't have scientific evidence that these drugs cure anything but we are proposing to drug children at such a young age.

Over all I feel there is a lack of evidence to support screening children and putting them on medication.

Regards,

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