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Dear Productivity Commission,

I am writing to you about the Inquiry into Mental Health.

Being a young adult that I am, I am nearing the age of having children myself.

The thought of my child being "scanned" for a mental illness with no specific scientific tests to confirm this (no x-ray, scan, urine or blood test) is honestly a little frightening to me.

As a mother, there are no exact ways you are taught to raise a child. In my opinion, the first few years (specifically age zero - three) are the years where it is key to bond with your child and gradually introduce them into the world we live in.

This is not the time to be inspecting or "screening" their every day actions: whining, crying, irregular feeding or sleeping.

I mean to be honest, these sound completely normal to me

and are all part of the process of growing up!

Introducing chemicals into their body, with no scientific evidence to back this up, does not present itself as a worthwhile proposal, nor one that I wish myself or other mothers to be involved in.

Every human being deserves the right to experience life in a chemical free (or as close to as possible) body, be taught

and learn the pro's and cons
of their behavior and the
behavior of man .

These are all part of growing
up and no one should be
"conditioned" in their approach
to do this.

I therefore do not agree with
these scanning methods and
strongly urge an alternative,
chemical-free , educational based
method is sought for instead.

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