

I am deeply concerned at the extremely high number of children in Australia being medicated and put on antidepressants or Ritalin or Dexi's etc to "treat" their mental health.

Firstly there is still no physical medical test to prove that ADHD even exists.

There are many permanent damaging side effects of these dangerous mind altering drugs on a developing brain and antidepressants are not even approved for use in children under 18 years of age so I think the government has a responsibility in making sure they keep doctors abiding by the law and ensure they do not prescribe children under 18 antidepressants otherwise what is the point of having any laws.

How is it that antidepressants have increased by 60% in young people yet the suicide rates have increased by 40%. Doesn't that tell you that the antidepressants are increasing suicide in young people.

Also this is stated on the box label it says these medications increase the risk of suicide yet they doctors and psychiatrists are allowed to prescribe with wild abandon even though as I said before they are not approved for kids under 18.

Something needs to be done about stopping these doctors and psychiatrists and get them to stop prescribing when it's not approved. Just like in The UK they have banned the prescription of antidepressants to under 18 year olds it is time that Australia did the same and protect the future generations.

Thank you.

Kind regards,
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