

Submission from Andrew Macdonald to the Productivity Commission Inquiry.

Dear Commissioners

Screening kids for a mental disorders at a young age before they can talk is open to guess work. Then if picked up through screening, the kids could receive some sort of intervention. Were as the family needs help. The kid may need food or sleep but this could show up as a disorder. Having young family members on some list for so called treatment will break down the family unit. Having the kids do the screening a number of times means more will get put into the system of treatment damaging a generation of Australians.

Humans don't have pharmaceutical deficiencies. Saying someone has a chemical imbalance or mental condition by looking without testing and prescribing pharmaceuticals and electric shock treatment is not natural. This is a road to more harm that will require more treatment for their side effects. Then more treatment to handle those side effects.

What is considered a success in this mental health field, happy people that get on with their lives or more people receiving intervention.

Regards Andrew Macdonald
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