Dear Commissioners

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I would like to put my feeling and observation regarding to plan to implement screening of 0-3 years olds for mental illnesses.

I am a mother who is Japanese and live in Australia.

This plan for implementing screening little kids is not needed.

Babies are baby and they communicate with crying and limited actions when they need help like hungry or uncomfortable.

When they can not speak their mind fully, who can even decide what is wrong with them or what help they need?

Giving them pills are most of the time not needed, they have enough power and energy to recover themselves most of the time.

My kids did not get sick a lot but every time when they are not well, I gave them enough liquid and vitamins with food was enough.

I communicated well with my children, so they can tell me what is happening.

Giving them drug when not needed will create kids who don’t have immunity.

What most needed is care and love.

Also I notice there are more children with Down Syndrome in this country than Japan. I think there are many woman who take drug in this country even when they are pregnant.

I think this creates children who are not in good condition.

So please consider more, what is the mean and what bad effect can be created by this.

Kind Regards

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