Submission to Procductivity Commission

I am a teacher and am also a trained Drug Withdrawal Specialist.

I note the proposal before the Commission to screen Australia’s very young ( <3 ) for potential mental health problems.

I strongly object to this use of my tax money and that of the common wealth.

This screening will not boost the productivity of the country since there is no reliable way to screen and predict behaviours. This will lead to many healthy, active children being incorrectly labelled. Many of these will then live up to the label.

The current regime of handling with drugs that is prevalent in Australian society has many unwanted (and often dangerous) side effects.

I submit that the common wealth is better expended on ensuing that all young people have productive career paths available to them. Being unemployed is very soul destroying.

For those young people needing mentoring I feel we overlook the incisive role that churches could play in supporting our young people as a contact point in crisis situations