

1.25 million Australian 0-3 year olds at risk of psychiatric drugging?

Australia already has a staggering 2,312 children aged 0-4 years old on potentially dangerous psychiatric drugs.

The Australian Productivity Commission, which advises the Australian Government on economic policy, conducted an inquiry into mental health. Their Final Report is now being investigated by a Federal Parliamentary Committee who are calling for community feedback to help determine which recommendations should be implemented and funded.

The recommendations seem innocuous—expanding “health screening” for 0-3 year olds and pre-schoolers to include checking their “emotional development.” But beware.

Naturally, we all want to see our children healthy. However, the Final Report recommendations, if implemented, will lead to increasing numbers of families—children—being identified as needing treatment. While the report suggests options other than “medication,” this is highly questionable and misleading. The Productivity Commission has no control over psychiatric practice. “Usual” practice is psychotropic drugs to control behaviour and emotional issues. And that spells out a host

of potentially dangerous side effects, including suicide. It could lead to a lifetime of your child being dependent upon such drugs.

One expert pointed out that terms used such as “emotional and social well-being” have replaced mental “illness.” It sounds innocuous. But this could translate to 1.25 million Australian children aged 0-3 being screened and a percentage will be referred for treatment that may result in a psychotropic drug being recommended.

Screening questions are so subjective that any child is put at risk of being labelled mentally disordered. **For example, symptoms for mental disorders in 0-3 year olds include: difficulty sleeping, tantrums, losing track of a favourite stuffed animal and hyperactivity.**

What “mental/emotional health” screening doesn’t tell parents is that while medical diseases can be tested and physically confirmed, there are no medical tests to confirm any psychiatric or behavioural diagnosis.

Already, far too many toddlers and youths are being labelled and put on these drugs that can adversely affect their developing bodies and ruin their future. Consider: babies still in a cot are given mind-altering drugs.

2007/08: 201 children under 3 years old on psychiatric drugs, including 53 aged younger than 1.

2015: 7,817 2-6 year olds on antidepressants, antipsychotics and “ADHD” drugs.

1,768 adverse drug reaction reports for antidepressants and antipsychotics in Australia involve those aged 0-19 and include 14 deaths.

“Childhood behavioural disorders” in the Productivity Commission’s inquiry were based on a diagnostic manual criticised for being unscientific and creating “false epidemics” in ADHD, fuelling psychostimulant sales.

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By 24 March 2021, LODGE A SUBMISSION with the Committee Secretary by email: mhsp.reps@aph.gov.au

Warning: No one should stop taking any psychiatric drug without the advice and assistance of a competent medical doctor.

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