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DEAR COMMISSIONERS,

AS A FATHER OF THREE CHILDREN WITH EXPERIENCE WITH ONE OF THEM HAVING BEEN GIVEN A FALSE MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSIS THIS PROPOSED CHILD SCREENING IS A NATIONAL DISASTER IN THE MAKING. LET ME SHARE MY STORY.

MY SON WHO WAS 5 AT THE TIME WAS 'CHECKED' BY THE SCHOOLS PSYCHOLOGIST AND GIVEN THE DIAGNOSIS AS OVERACTIVE AND SHOULD BE TREATED FOR ADHD. 15 CHILDREN IN MY SONS CLASS WERE GIVEN THE SAME DIAGNOSIS THAT DAY, INCLUDING MY SONS BEST FRIEND.

FAST FORWARD 10 YEARS TO TODAY, MY SON (WHO AT THE TIME WAS GIVEN A SECOND <sup>OPINION</sup> AND CLEARED OF ANY MENTAL ILLNESS) IS A TOP

STUDENT, LOVING LIFE AND PLANNING HIS FUTURE. HIS BEST FRIEND IS ON SUICIDE WATCH AND HIS FAMILY IS BROKEN

THE TWO BOYS STARTED 5 YEARS AGO AS 2 PEERS IN A POD, BOTH ACTIVE HAPPY NORMAL KIDS. ONE WAS TREATED AS ADHD MENTAL PATIENT WITH JUST DRUGS AS THE TREATMENT.

THIS BOYS LIFE WAS RUINED BY SOMEONES OPINION WHEN HE WAS 5 YEARS OLD.

I AM SO GLAD I SOUGHT A SECOND OPINION..

PLEASE CONSIDER VERY VERY CAREFULLY HOW IMPORTANT YOUR DECISION IS AND WHAT EFFECT IT WILL HAVE ON THE LIVES OF AUSTRALIAS CHILDREN.

DONT ALLOW CHILDREN TO BE SCREENED.

REGARDS,

ADRIAN BARKUS.