

Dear Commissioners of the Productivity Inquiry into Mental Health,

I have been made aware of a draft report from your inquiry into Mental Health and on reading this have become greatly concerned at the content.

Firstly, the inquiry is supposed to be finding solutions to the problem of no results in this field despite the massive funding mental health attracts, yet it is proposed to increase this funding, ignoring the lack of results to date;

Screening of children up to the age of three is proposed even though a previous program to screen three year olds was scrapped in 2015 as being ineffective.

Myself, from a large extended family with many bright and able children, find the proposal to use this screening as a gateway to dragging children abhorrent. The proposed guidelines for identifying children as having mental health issues is frankly in ignorance of the actual behaviour of healthy children. This will create a disaster with our future generations and I strongly oppose it.

yours sincerely,

Peter Clement. 11 Jan 2020