

Health and Ambulance Services Committee

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Dear Sir Madam,

I am writing to express my disgust at the new Queensland mental health draft bills.

The forced drugging, restraint & seclusion of patients in the mental health system is abhorrent.

There is no doubt that some people who are troubled require special care. But they should be given holistic, humane care that improves their condition. Institutions should be safe havens where people voluntarily seek help for themselves or their child without fear of indefinite incarceration or harmful and terrifying treatment. They need a quiet and safe environment, good nutrition, rest, exercise and help with life's problems. Extensive medical evidence proves that underlying and undiagnosed physical illnesses can manifest as psychiatric symptoms and therefore should be addressed with the correct medical treatment, not psychiatric techniques. With proper medical treatment and real help people can lead healthier, happier lives.

Regards

Troy Johnston