

Health and Ambulance Services Committee

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I wish to record my serious objections regarding the 2 draft Bills being considered by both parties of the Queensland Parliament and the HASPC.

THE NEW QUEENSLAND MENTAL HEALTH DRAFT BILLS WILL ALLOW FOR CHILDREN OF ANY AGE TO CONSENT TO ELECTROSHOCK & PSYCHOSURGERY WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT.

Forced drugging, Restraint and seclusion of children without the need for any parental consent is set to remain legal.

These must not be allowed to go ahead.

1. ECT is brutal application of hundreds of volts of electricity to the head, potentially causing brain damage, memory loss and sometimes death.

THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION STATED "There are no indications for the use of ECT on minors, and hence this should be prohibited through legislation". Sicily banned ECT completely in October, 2013. Western Australia recently banned the use of ECT on children under 14 years of age.

In both draft bills, any child (under 18 and voluntarily admitted) considered to have the "Capacity to consent" can consent to the ECT and the psychiatrist then applies to the Mental Health Review Tribunal (MHRT) for final approval. No parental consent is needed at any stage.

ECT can also be given to involuntarily detained children of any age, if a psychiatrist applies to the MHRT for consent to perform ECT - again no parental consent is needed.

The new bill also allows for the use of "emergency electroshock" on children.

Electroshock must be made illegal for use on children, pregnant women and the elderly immediately. It should never be given to involuntary patients without their fully informed consent.

I urge you to read the Criminal Fines and Prison Terms given to people who abuse, hurt and give pain to animals, compared to the fines given to psychiatric treatments..

Also the Involuntary Commitment of Children and adults being placed in "treatment authority" and "Capacity to Consent" to understand the hidden "justifications" and removing Rights of patient to state their disapproval of the treatment.

THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES TO HELP PEOPLE SUFFERING TRAUMAS.

scientific EVIDENCE PROVES THAT HELPING THOSE WITH GOOD COMMUNICATION, CARE, GOOD DIET, PEACE, QUIET AND UNDERSTANDING WITH SAFE MEDICAL CARE , ALWAYS BRINGS HEALING AND IMPROVEMENT..

Not so with such brutal remedies.

Please do not pass these bills for the sake of our children and our Nation's future mental Health!
We cannot allow the drugging, and electroshocking of our population as it will continue to dumb us all down and rob us all of our future sane creative healthy happy society.

Yours Sincerely, Claudette Woodley