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Research Director
Health and Ambulance Services Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE. Q'LD 4000

Dear Sir,

**ELECTROSHOCK & PSYCHOSURGERY OF CHILDREN -
NEW DRAFT QLD MENTAL HEALTH BILLS**

Electroshock for Children

I respectfully hope that you will carefully consider the great responsibility in your care when making legal electroshock treatment for children, pregnant women and the elderly. The World Health Organisation stated, "**There is no indications for the use of ECT on minors, and hence this should be prohibited through legislation.**"

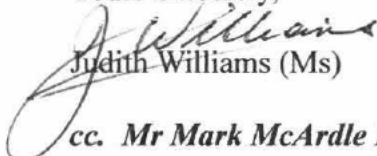
Psychosurgery for Children

With NSW and the NT banning psychosurgery in any form and for all age groups it is presumed that professional research indicated the sometimes awful and very sad consequences hence the decision to ban such drastic and invasive surgery. With respect to deep brain stimulation (DBS) a hole is drilled into the head to implant electrodes through which an electrical current surges from a pacemaker-like device inserted under the skin in the chest and which can cause irreversible brain damage, seizures, memory loss, suicide and post-operative death. DBS is **NOT AN APPROVED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT IN AUSTRALIA.**

Having a son diagnosed with drug induced schizophrenia and who was subjected to extreme psychiatric medication which did him as much harm (and therefore myself as his Carer) as the illegal drugs I urge you to consider that there are other more humane holistic treatments now available with long term benefits, in most cases, and vastly more successful than harsh treatments such as electroshock and DBS etc.

I am sure you realise the heavy responsibility you have in making this important decision and I trust it will be the right one and will be of benefit to all.

Yours Sincerely,


Judith Williams (Ms)

cc. Mr Mark McArdle MP