

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Health and Community Services Committee](#)  
**Subject:** URGENT REQUEST TO BAN ELECTROSHOCK TREATMENT IN CHILDREN  
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Good morning/afternoon,

My name is [REDACTED]. I am a mother of 2 now adult sons and I work as a Parenting Strategist assisting families who have children with various challenges.

I have written 6 books over the last 10 years and have conducted hundreds of seminars and workshops to many thousands of people- parents, educators, practitioners and others who are interested in the well-being of children.

I am extremely concerned that the QLD Mental Health Act does not ban electroshock treatment on children when this is very long overdue. I heard that WA have just banned it for under 14 year olds and NSW should be at least doing the same if not making it illegal for under 16 or **18 year olds**. As a mother of 2 wonderful boys, one who was diagnosed with ADHD/ODD and childhood depression when he was 4 years of age, and working with other parents over many years, I know that children can be challenging. My son did become out of control on occasions but we helped him with love, understanding, changing his diet, reducing toxicity and working on our parenting and relationships. He is now a wonderful productive young man who is excelling in his own business at the age of 21. I can't begin to imagine what would have occurred to him if he was given electroshock treatment when he was young which can cause severe memory loss and other horrific side-effects that can only affect a child adversely. Real help and love is what all children need, not potentially brain damaging treatment.

If you are a Parent, Grandparent, Aunty or Uncle or care about a child in your life imagine the repercussions to that child of electroshock treatment.

Then please ask yourself if this treatment needs to be banned. As a member of our parliament I urge and encourage you to do ANYTHING in your power to help have this banned and to play a positive part in helping our children in more positive ways.

Thank You.