

PETITION

To the Honourable President and members of the Senate in parliament assembled:

The petition of the undersigned draws to the attention of the Senate:

That the high number of children in Australia prescribed mind altering drugs for “Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder” is unacceptable. These drugs can cause heart attacks, strokes, suicidal tendencies, hallucinations and other dangerous side effects and they are putting children’s lives at risk.

Parents are not told that the psychiatric manual (DSM IV) used to diagnose their children actually states, “There are no laboratory tests, neurological assessments or attentional assessments that have been established as diagnostic in the clinical assessment of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder.”

Despite these facts, over 250,000 prescriptions were written in 2005/06 for Ritalin and Dexamphetamine both Schedule 8 drugs (in the same category as cocaine, opium and morphine) for something that can not be scientifically proven to exist.

Your petitioners request that the Senate:

- 1) Protect our children from these dangerous mind altering drugs and ensure that the rights of children and parents are protected by conducting a Public Royal Commission and or Senate Inquiry to fully investigate the above matters;
- 2) Ensure that parents are informed about the dangers of these drugs by placing a Black Box warning on all ADHD drugs, warning of cardiovascular complications, suicidal tendencies, strokes and hallucinations.
- 3) The petitioners also request that it be made a condition of renewing a prescription under the PBS/RPBS for “ADHD” drugs that any side-effects experienced during the previous month are reported to the TGA.

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