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Subject: Mental Health Act Review

Dear Community Consultant Panel members,

I am writing this submission because i want to change the Victorian Mental Health Act to reflect a greater Human rights focus and give people back their dignity that the current act strips from them.

the section in the Act where people can be given ECT without their consent is nothing short of barbaric. The damage ECT does is in no way beneficial and in fact does irreversible brain damage. This needs to be made illegal.

The section in the Act where children can be given psychotropic drugs is once again very damaging.
There exists too many cases of suicide amongst children who are on psychotropic drugs to even consider that this form of treatment has any scientific validity whatsoever.

Thankyou for the opportunity to express my opinion
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