To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of The Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled:

We the undersigned say that detaining any child as an involuntary patient is totally unacceptable. Fully informed parental or guardian consent should always be obtained before any child is given psychiatric treatment.

The current review of the Mental Health Act 1996 recommends a child could be detained when they have not committed a crime, treated involuntarily and forcibly given mind altering drugs, restrained and secluded, all without parental consent required.

This is a violation of basic human rights.

Now we ask that the Legislative Assembly take steps to ensure that no child is ever involuntarily committed or treated and that fully informed parental consent is always required for psychiatric treatment.

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