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NEWSLETTER

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SAT MARCH 26, 2011
2.00PM – 4.30PM
AT "THE MEWS",
SYDNEY INST. TAFF

OFFICE HOURS:
10.30AM – 2.30PM
TUES, WED & THURS

***CLOSED SCHOOL**
HOLIDAYS AS
VOLUNTEERS ARE NOT
ALWAYS AVAILABLE.

***RE-OPENING ON TUES.,**
1ST FEBRUARY, 2011

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ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

The Daily Telegraph: "Why NSW is Australia's new ADHD capital", "More NSW kids using ADHD pills", "More kids on medication in NSW", "NSW is Australia's ADHD drug capital...". (November 2010)

The fact is: NSW rates behind other States/Territories for every ADHD medication - NSW does not have the highest prescribed rates of each of these medications.

ADDults with ADHD has prepared an official complaint against The Daily Telegraph, which will be lodged if a response concerning the stipulated terms of redress is not provided.

The Daily Telegraph did not act responsibly and ethically in publishing the abovementioned news reports. Reasonable steps were not taken to ensure these reports were accurate, fair, and balanced. In addition, omissions and distortions prevented the reader from being able to delineate facts from prejudiced and extreme views. Certainly, consideration for those families affected by Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder was not even considered, and the reports also denigrate prescribing medical professionals by innuendo.

Prescription rates of ADHD medication in Australia, still fall significantly well below actual rates of prevalence of this disorder. NSW in particular, has very tight controls on stimulant medication through the NSW Health Stimulant Committee.

Ms Kate Sikora made no attempt to balance her reporting, as only the two 'anti-medication' advocates from interstate were interviewed, despite the fact that neither Mr Whitely nor Dr Jureidini have any understanding of the neurological factors of ADHD. Both well known anti-ADHD medication campaigners, who regularly make biased and unsubstantiated media statements.

Interestingly, no evidence-based, objective comment from any ADHD expert in NSW was even sought, despite the many highly respected ADHD professionals available.

The Daily Telegraph acted irresponsibly in publishing this material, which was inaccurate, distorted and unjustifiably misrepresented. ADDults with ADHD has received a response from *The Daily Telegraph's* legal people, and we now await their deliberations.

This constant barrage of anti-ADHD reporting in the media cannot be allowed to continue. ADHD is a very real and complex neurobiological condition, yet is constantly maligned and discriminated against.

Enough is Enough!

- Joy Toll, Editor.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year