Reviewer’s report

Title: An analysis of policy levers used to implement mental health reform in Australia 1992-2012

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The paper as it currently stand provides a good description of changes to mental health policy in Australia using policy levers as a means of analysis. As it currently stands it is likely to be of limited interest to an international audience.

Major compulsory revisions
The authors comment upon the novelty of the analytical approach. One way of making the paper relevant for a wider audience would be to reflect upon this approach and whether it could be usefully applied to other areas.

Also some reflection on the effectiveness of the different levers would strengthen the paper. As it currently stands the paper is purely descriptive and lacks a 'so what'. I think it needs a stronger argument for the analytical approach and what it potentially adds to debate.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests