Social Services Legislation Amendment (No Jab, No Pay) Bill 2015 Submission 6

From:

To: Community Affairs, Committee (SEN)

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To whom it may concern

I am writing regarding my concerns for the no jab no pay bill. The bill is essentially unconstitutional in that it actively coerces poor families into taking a medical treatment in which there is always a degree of risk with no responsibility taken by the government to cover any potential liability in the small percentages of vaccine injury.

I am also writing as mothers like me who don't have issues with particular vaccines but have concerns with others (for eg the gardasil vaccine) will be punished. The issue for the government is over spreading potentially lethal diseases - and vaccinating to protect against warts so that certain cervical cancers do not develop seems to be a waste of resources when encouraging safe sex and regular Pap smears reduces likelihood of developing cervical cancer in the first place without potential risk from vaccine or dealing with reduced immunity over time.

This bill is also ludicrous in its focus on the very small minority of people who do not vaccinate their children. In the case of whooping cough, a recent FDA report showed that whooping cough was being actively spread by those who had been vaccinated in 'shedding' or vaccinated people who had partially developed the infection. Not those who had not.

Please reconsider this blanket policy that promises more harm than good for less benefit.

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