

19 Sept 2015

I strongly oppose the current legislation related to the No Jab No Pay campaign.

Firstly, It is directly violating our constitution for freedom of medical choice without coercion. We believe we have the fundamental right to choose or decline what is injected into our bodies. It simply cannot be a 'one size fits all' approach. Not everyone can eat an egg because that would be life threatening to some. Yet some vaccines are made with egg yolk as the base and injected into infants, then we wonder why egg allergies are on the rise!

These are some points that set alarms bells off to us when considering vaccines for our children.

- The Japanese Government first stopped DPT vaccination for 2 months in 1975, and, when vaccination was resumed, the vaccination age was lifted to 2 years. Cot death (SIDS) "disappeared". The overall infant mortality improved: Japan zoomed from 17th to first place in infant mortality in the world. This means that Japan moved from a very high bracket to the lowest infant mortality rate in the world. When in 1988 Japanese parents were given the choice to start vaccinating anything between 3 months of 4 years, many parents started at 3 months. The low SIDS rate increased fourfold in the last 13 years. Professor Hiroshi Nishida of Tokyo Women's Medical College has been quoted as saying that the SIDS rate among babies aged under 1 year had sharply increased to 0.33 % in 1992 when compared with 0.07 % in 1980.
- If vaccines were undeniably safe then why is there known side affects ranging from fevers to organ damage, brain damage and fatality?
- I have spoken to parents whose children have been permanently damaged after a 2yr old routine vaccine.
- I know a family whose baby died hours after a routine vaccine, but the death was dismissed as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Healthy babies don't suddenly drop dead. The injection caused organ failure! No one was held responsible.
- If vaccines were safe for everyone, why is around 3 billion of compensation paid out to vaccine victims in American courts?

Sadly, politicians (namely Jill Hennessy) have tried to demonize parents who stand for choice. Saying we are 'irresponsible and dangerous'. That couldn't be further from the truth. If you want to penalize parents who are 'irresponsible' then those who smoke around their children must also be penalized too? Will those children not be allowed to go to Kindergarten? Non-vaccinating families, of which I know many, are outstanding in their health and great involvement in community. They know far more about healthier lifestyles than the average Australian. They are no danger to society. I'm not asking you to change your mind of vaccines, I'm asking you to stand strong for our freedom of choice!

If the policy is approved, sadly my children will miss out on the opportunity to attend early childhood education.

This proposed policy is not evidence based. What is it based on? Please consider wisely.

Thank you for your time.

Breanna and Brock Gravener