

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

This petition of: Including the Meningococcal B Vaccination on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and National Immunisation Program.

Draws to the attention of the House: On the 26th August 2015, our 3 year old daughter Jazmyn Parkyn became ill and was flown by MedStar from Renmark, South Australia to the Women's and Children's Hospital Adelaide where she was diagnosed with Meningococcal B Strain disease. We were unaware that this strain was around and were under the impression that all of our 3 children were covered by the Meningococcal vaccination currently included in the National Immunisation Program. To learn that there is a vaccination available for the B Strain, however it is not included in the current National Immunisation Program is very disappointing as no family or child should have to go through the pain of this horrid and very fast acting disease.

Our daughter is one of the lucky ones, only ending up with skin grafts on her legs, while others have lost limbs, digits and have extensive lifelong medical conditions, some have even resulted in loss of life.

We therefore ask the House to: Include the Meningococcal B Strain Vaccination to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and the National Immunisation Program.

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