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Dear Secretary,

I am deeply concerned about the introduction of the 'No Jab, No Pay' Legislation which may come into effect from 1 January 2016 in Australia. This is a violation of the rights of a person living in Australia. Freedom of choice is paramount. Consent without coercion is paramount. The health of Australian kids is paramount.

I have been a NSW Ambulance Paramedic for the past twenty years. For the past twelve years I have become an advocate of the right not to vaccinate your child after having witnessed numerous post vaccine events whilst at work. Serious incidents where children stop breathing, uncontrollable seizures, asthma, anaphylaxis, eczema, bronchiolitis. All these kids were vaccinated. We should have a choice. Vaccination is a medical procedure. We must continue to have a choice.

The 10th Edition of the Australian Governments' Immunisation Handbook Section 2.1.3 states:

VALID CONSENT

Valid consent can be defined as the voluntary agreement by an individual to a proposed procedure, given after sufficient, appropriate and reliable information about the procedure, including the potential risks and benefits, has been conveyed to that individual. As part of the consent procedure, persons to be vaccinated and/or their parents/carers would be given sufficient information (preferably written) on the risks and benefits of each vaccine, including what adverse events are possible, how common they are and what they should do about them.

For consent to be legally valid, the following elements must be present:

1. It must be given by a person with legal capacity and of sufficient intellectual capacity to understand the implications of being vaccinated.
2. **It must be given voluntarily in the absence of undue pressure, coercion or manipulation.**
3. It must cover the specific procedure that is to be performed.

- 4. It can only be given after the potential risks and benefits of the relevant vaccine, risks of not having it and any alternative options have been explained to the individual.**

The individual must have sufficient opportunity to seek further details or explanations about the vaccines and/or its administration. The information must be provided in a language or by other means the individual can understand. Where appropriate, an interpreter and/or cultural support person should be involved.

Consent should be obtained before each vaccination, once it has been established that there are no medical conditions that contraindicate vaccination. Consent can be verbal or written.

For decades, the inherent dangers of injecting a vaccine directly into the muscle and by-passing the human body's natural defence system has been proven to cause serious side effects and sometimes death (SIDS).

The voracity of the current vaccine schedule of 41 vaccines by the age of five is certainly worth considering, in terms of health outcomes in our children. Rates of childhood illness has never been as high as it is today with asthma, bronchiolitis, ear infections, seizures, childhood diabetes, leukaemia, autism and allergies. Whooping Cough has re-emerged despite a 95% compliance rate with the Pertussis vaccine. Surely this figure makes a person question the efficacy of vaccination. Historical data shows that diseases were on a downward trend and were almost zero when vaccines were introduced in the 1950's.

The studies carried out on the efficacies of vaccines have been completed by the Pharmaceutical companies who continue to market these 'for profit' vaccines. An independent study by an organisation who can offer unbiased results on the health of the vaccinated –v-unvaccinated would clearly show the true results. These anomalies need to be explored by the Australian Government and the information given to parents to enable an informed choice prior to vaccinating their children.

As an Australian individual I have the right to life, bodily security, equality and free exercise of thought, conscience and religion. I would like to see an independent study on vaccinated –v-unvaccinated people. I would like to be able to choose what medical procedure I have and not be coerced or manipulated by policy. I take good care of my health and use the healthy system rarely.

To impose this legislation, not only breeches human decency, but also Australian Informed Consent Laws and the Australian Constitution which guarantees Australians political, medical and religious freedom.

Please consider both sides of this serious debate.

Yours sincerely

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