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Dear Sir or Madam,

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to speak my piece regarding the proposed legislation entitled “No Jab, No Pay.” This will be an anonymous submission. And rather than beat around the bush I will get straight to the point. This bill is destructive and dividing in nature, it is discriminatory and will negatively affect lower income families disproportionately. I will be clear in stating that I am not anti-vax in the sense that I think vaccinations by idea are not a great idea. I am anti-vax with regards to the current schedule, the lack of safety trials and proof, and the lack of support for families whose children have been injured by vaccines. And I am VERY anti forcing families to vaccinate at the threat of financial instability or debility.

There are MANY reasons why parents choose not to vaccinate their children. I find it so very worrying that medical and religious reasons will not longer be “allowed” as legitimate reasons for not vaccinating, because they ARE legitimate. More legitimate than any reason to basically force vaccination on the population. This is reminiscent of a government who seeks to control in the name of profit and without the ethical and moral compass that any true democratic government should hold.

If the belief is that vaccine injuries do not happen, or at least do not happen as often as people claim (I myself know 8 different families who have had to suffer through seeing their child (or children) react negatively to a vaccine, and a few of them have never been the same since. And a great problem with this is that YOU NEVER KNOW if your child will respond similarly. I feel that it is imperative that you understand that vaccines are not fail safe, they CAN cause serious harm, and because this is fact, requiring vaccinations in order for a family to be able to survive financially WITHOUT the concomitant setup of a vaccine injury compensation scheme is simply ludicrous. There is a huge list of adjuvants and fillers within these vaccines, the majority of them have never been tested for safety (I don't care how small a dose there is, do YOU know how it will impact your immune system, your nervous system, your liver? No, you don't.)

Religious reasons...how long was abortion a topic on contention in this country? WHY, when abortion has been an unacceptable practice, do you support the mass use of a medicine that uses cells from aborted foetuses for production? Additionally, WHEN did it become OK for anyone, especially those in power, to tell an individual what they can and cannot put into their own bodies? And I'm not talking about an illicit drug of course, I am talking about a series of “products” that have the label of “for the greater good but I may harm you and your children, but it's OK to take one for the team (seriously?)...”

The numbers and research simply do not add up! Recently I saw a report stating that the threat of the “no jab, no pay” had already showed great improvement in vaccination rates. What I don't understand is that they show vaccination rate at 97%, above the so called "herd immunity" rate yet whooping cough measles and chicken pox are running wild amongst the vaccinated - so why do you feel the need to FORCE the few that don't want to for health reasons? And you may respond by saying “this isn't forced, you still have a choice.”

Well unfortunately no, I don't, at least certainly not a fair choice, and many others do not either. Whether you're aware of it or not, the parents who choose not to vaccinate because it's trendy, or because they can, are those who do not rely on the family tax benefits. They don't need your money. BUT there are SO many families out there who cannot afford to live without that assistance (mine included), and to pass this bill would lead to one of two options: they dip below the poverty line because they want to protect their children or they go along with this legislation out of sheer desperation, and potentially suffer a lifetime of heartache (and medical bills). Either way it will be on your hands. You want people to work and support themselves, but you look to punish those hardworking families who rely on a dual income, and cannot afford NOT to utilise the family tax benefit or childcare rebates.

There are many people out there who are pro-vax but not pro-vax to the current schedule. In other countries they wait until a child is older (ie Japan), and some do not even utilise certain vaccines because of the damaging reports associated with them (ie Gardasil) – yet here, in Australia, you simply dismiss that there could be a problem here? If you want the population to be vaccinated, and you want the population to be happy and healthy, fix what needs fixing rather than resorting to totalitarian practices. I am not anti-vax. I am pro-health, and if a vaccination will help protect my child and my family (and others) I am all for it. Unfortunately there is ZERO guarantee that any vaccine will even do that to begin with. The prevalence of certain diseases was actually going down before vaccines became widespread...don't you think there's even a small chance that they are not as effective as you want them to be?

Please do your job, protect your people and support personal freedom. Unvaccinated kids are NOT spreading disease, this is an archaic thought and has NO validity.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Kind Regards,

Further Information:

<http://www.davidwolfe.com/australian-government-to-pass-law-to-withhold-tax-benefits-for-parents-of-unvaccinated-kids/>

Whooping Cough

There's no denying whooping cough (pertussis) is a distressing disease, especially for the littlest of babies.

Caused by the bacterial pathogen, *Bordetella pertussis*, whooping cough is a highly contagious, acute respiratory illness. Around half of all babies under 12 months of age who contract whooping cough may require hospitalisation. The [mortality rate](#) for babies under 6 months of age with whooping cough is 0.5%.

As the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirms, once a person has had whooping cough, [they'll have natural immunity](#) for a long time – even up to 20 years.

However, babies under three months of age are most at risk. Their immune system doesn't respond well to the whooping cough vaccine at such an early age.

Routine vaccinations are given at two, three and five months. But even then, the vaccine doesn't work immediately. It takes two or three doses for the whooping cough vaccine to be deemed effective, which means a baby may then be 3-4 months old. Because the whooping cough vaccine efficacy rate is 70–80%, there's still a chance that after all doses are given, a baby may continue to contract whooping cough. Therefore, authorities are urging pregnant women to get vaccinated between 28-32 weeks of pregnancy, in an attempt to protect their babies after birth.

The DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine is a class C drug. According to the drugs.com website: "There are no controlled data in human pregnancy. Diphtheria/pertussis, acellular/tetanus is only recommended for use during pregnancy when benefit outweighs risk". **Unfortunately, even vaccinated individuals may be unknowingly spreading pertussis.**

Package Inserts

http://www.vaccinesafety.edu/package_inserts.htm

http://www.gsk.com.au/products_vaccines.aspx

Pertussis

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/m/pubmed/21413529/>

<http://www.health.gov.au/.../pub.../Content/cda-cdi3404e.htm>

Measles

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/m/pubmed/8440884/>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC228449/>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/m/pubmed/12145534/>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/m/pubmed/23543773/>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/m/pubmed/9481001/>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/m/pubmed/9087472/>

Hep B

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/m/pubmed/21058170/>

Autism

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/m/pubmed/23843785/>

<http://informahealthcare.com/doi/abs/10.3109/1547691X.2010.545086>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3364648/>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3364648/>

Metals

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/m/pubmed/22015977/>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/m/pubmed/22099159/>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/m/pubmed/24202575/>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/m/pubmed/20391108/>

CDC Data

<http://www.greenmedinfo.com/blog/cdcs-own-data-vaccine-infant-death-link>