

Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee  
Parliament House, Spring Street  
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### **RE: Proposed 'No jab, no play' legislation**

Premier Andrews' proposed '*No jab, no play*' legislation is of singular dimension and does not examine its wider ramifications. It is solely focused on the alleged benefits of mass public vaccination, and does not in any way address the fundamental issue of human rights.

Accordingly, it represents a totalitarian challenge to the individual's basic right of '***informed consent***' and trends toward mandatory public health, rather than the freedom of individual choice. The content mirrors a Brave New World of medical tyranny and is utterly out of place in a freedom loving country.

Thus, the proposal is not only philosophically sterile, but also diametrically opposed to the modern Hippocratic Oath's keystone vow:

***'I will remember that there is art to medicine as well as science, and that warmth, sympathy, and understanding may outweigh the surgeon's knife or the chemist's drug'.***

How does the frenzy, scare tactics and coercion associated with the proposed legislation, equate to this agreeable undertaking by the medical fraternity?

As we commemorate the centenary of ANZAC, it is ironic that our armed forces laid down their lives to ensure our personal freedom, only for the Andrews Government to now display an oppressive determination to suppress individual rights and legislate itself into our bodies. The fallen, must be wondering why they ever bothered.

C.S. Lewis wrote: "***I dread government in the name of science. That is how tyrannies come in'.*** His words succinctly eulogise one of the darkest events in American history:

On 2 May, 1927, in an 8-1 decision, the US Supreme Court ruled that 18 y.o. Carrie Buck and her mother were '*feeble-minded*' and '*promiscuous*', and that it was in the state's interest to have Carrie sterilized. That ruling legitimised Virginia's sterilization procedures until they were repealed in 1974.

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., supported his stance for a '***pure***' gene pool outweighing the **interest of individuals**, by ruling:

*'We have seen more than once, that the public welfare may call upon the best citizens for their lives. It would be strange, if it could not call upon those who already sap the strength of the State for these lesser sacrifices, often not felt to be such by those concerned, to prevent us being swamped with incompetence. It is better for all the world, if instead of waiting to execute degenerate offspring for crime, or to let them starve for their imbecility, society can prevent those who are manifestly unfit from continuing their kind. **The principle that sustains compulsory vaccination, is broad enough to cover cutting the fallopian tubes'**.*

Although now nauseous to any civilised individual, Holmes relished the notion of creating a '*pure*' American bloodline by utilising government mandated infanticide and sterilisation. It was therefore

of little consequence to him that individuals be **forcibly vaccinated** because in his view, the science of eugenics and purification of the race was far more important than the right of individual liberty. Ultimately, eugenics practitioners coercively sterilised some 60,000 Americans and barred the marriages of thousands.

Similarly, the proposed legislation veers into that nauseating era of eugenics, when nations sought to develop a master race '**free of disease**' and '**undesirables**' and the rights of the common man were extinguished. Adolf Hitler was a keen student of these US events and thereafter exterminated millions in his murderous efforts to purify the Arian race. The minority Jews paid a particularly heavy price for state endorsed medical tyranny. **Post war hearings had German officers citing the US precedent as a keystone of their indefensible cruelty.**

Some seventy years later, it is disturbing to read the attached newspaper piece '*Editing Babies*', published in the Herald Sun on 30 July, 2015. Associate Professor Alex Hewitt is quoted as stating, '*It's exciting, but it also opens up the avenue of eugenics*'. Thus, under the auspices of government and medical science, eugenics is once again rearing its ugly head. The article represents a current and real life example as to why the proposed legislation must be defeated, thereby neutering its potential for any heinous medical precedent.

Should government be allowed to sanction any given medical procedure '*for the greater good*' (a socialist/communist ideology), and in so doing exceed the individual's right of personal autonomy and liberty, precious little defense remains to dissent against all manner of government impositions. If allowed to legislate its way into our bodies, how would we ever stop a tyrannical government from forcibly injecting citizens with readily available drugs that are designed to elicit neurological and physiological control?

And if those in power can compel a person to receive an injection against their will, what could follow on the collectivist agenda? Coerced '*No jab, no school*'? Coerced vaccination of all Australian citizens? Coerced sterilisation of those who may damage the integrity of the gene pool? Coerced euthanasia of the feeble and terminally ill? Coerced sterilization of those genetically predisposed to conditions such as breast cancer, prostate cancer, heart attack, down syndrome, autism.....and then what?

In protecting the rights of **all citizens**, Magna Carta and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights urge us to maintain sacred our individual and minority rights. Both charters acknowledge that each of us will at some stage be part of a minority opposed to a majority mantra, and both represent the plethora of minorities and lone voices previously derided for daring to question the likes of the Earth being flat, smoking, and even doctors not washing their hands. Ultimately, all were vindicated and enhanced the course of history.

Equally, we must never forsake our right to informed consent and with it, the right to say '**no**' to any unwanted medical treatment. The post-war Nuremberg Code is unambiguous in its efforts to eliminate the potential for a repeat of the medical atrocities committed leading up to, and including WW2. It reads:

***'The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential. This means that the person involved should have legal capacity to give consent; should be so situated as to be able to exercise free power of choice, without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, overreaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion.....'***

Despite having previously served as Health Minister, Premier Andrews is apparently unaware that by threatening to withdraw Child Care Services from unvaccinated children, the proposed legislation *coerces* the individual into surrendering a human right in exchange for a benefit. Hence, it literally blackmails its way into an *acute breach of International Law* which by design, trumps local, state or federal law.

Further to all the above, this coercive proposal evolved on the back of a populist, emotive, one-sided and unscientific assault by the Big Pharmaceutical friendly Murdoch media. It is **therefore irrefutably incumbent on the Andrews Government to immediately withdraw its ethically bankrupt, illegal and misguided proposed legislation.**

Sincerely,

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