Dear Ms Lizzie Blandthorn MP, Chair, Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee

I am writing to you with regards to the No Jab No Play Bill 2015. I am opposed to this bill on the grounds that it will be taking away the human right to CHOOSE. This also applies to the guardian or parents right to CHOOSE what goes into their child's body, when the child is under a decision making age. Parents are making decisions for their child based on what they believe to be right for their family.

There are many ways that this bill breaks the law. This from the Human Rights commission Act 1986, Schedule 3, Principle 7.

"The child is entitled to receive education, which shall be free and compulsory, at least in the elementary stages. He shall be given an education which will promote his general culture and enable him, on a basis of equal opportunity, to develop his abilities, his individual judgment, and his sense of moral and social responsibility, and to become a useful member of society. The best interests of the child shall be the guiding principle of those responsible for his education and guidance; that responsibility lies in the first place with his parents. The child shall have full opportunity for play and recreation, which should be directed to the same purposes as education; society and the public authorities shall endeavour to promote the enjoyment of this right."

The 'No Jab No Play' legislation is contrary to both Australian and International Law. Our Constitution prohibits civil conscription in order to receive welfare or childcare benefits - section 51, 23A.

The Australian Government's vaccine handbook clearly states "For consent to be legally valid, the following elements must be present: It must be given voluntarily, in the absence of undue pressure, coercion or manipulation."

These are just some of the reasons why this legislation is illegal.

I hope that you consider the ramifications that this type of legislation will have on Australian families, especially when there is not enough evidence to show that when 95% of children under 7 in Australia are vaccinated, that all diseases will be controlled or eradicated. The other major concern is the lack of a vaccine injury compensation scheme for when children suffer major side effects.

"Professor David Isaacs, an infectious disease specialist at the Children's Hospital at Westmead in Sydney, said any caring society should compensate families who suffered serious adverse reactions to vaccines because it was often difficult to sue for damages." (SMH Jan 8 2011)

This law should not be passed.

Yours sincerely

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