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Subject: Public Health and Wellbeing Amendment (No Jab, No Play) Bill 2015

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

Ms Blandthorn,

I have great concerns regarding this bill, please see below:

Firstly, this bill targets 0-4 year olds who make up about 7% of the Victorian population and at least 92% of them are fully immunized as per the National Schedule. Therefore this policy is trying to encourage less than 1% of the population to catch up on their immunizations:

- Will immunizing such a small percent of the population stop the spread of disease?
- Are children the only members of the community/herd that are able to contract and spread disease?
- Generations of fully immunized children are hitting adulthood with the belief they still have immunity. Whilst their immunity levels are unknown and possibly completely waning, such a policy is discriminatory.

Secondly, once parents are coerced into immunizing their children due to this policy, who is liable if a child is injured? And it is not a legally requirement for doctors to report adverse reactions in Australia, and we know not all reactions are reported.

We also do not have a Compensation Scheme to support someone who is vaccine damaged. If these kinds of policies are going to be implemented, there needs to be support for such injuries. Last year my 4 year old son, was mistakenly given the adult DTP booster for the tetanus and I only discovered this because it did not appear on the Childhood Immunization Register. Fortunately he didn't suffer any known side effects but where does the liability lie under this policy?

Thirdly, this policy would require our children to complete comply with the national schedule. The 18 months Pertussis booster is due to be funded again as of October 2015, this concerns me as it is one more injection we must comply with to send our children to childcare or kindergarten. As more immunizations are added (and history tells us, more will continue to be added), there are higher levels of risk and less choice for parents.

All pharmaceutical products, including vaccines, carry risks and parents have the right to be informed of the risks and make the best decision for their child based on this information. Where there is risk there must be choice!

I strongly urge you to reconsider this policy.

Thank you for your time.

Signed,

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