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To: SARC
Subject: My objection to the No Jab, No Play bill

To the SARC,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed No Jab, No Play bill currently being reviewed. I urge you to NOT allow this bill to become legislation.

The No Jab, No Play strategy is coerced Medical Care and it is not ethical. It is also completely discriminatory and unnecessary. What's the next discriminatory scenario for unvaccinated children? They can't go to public places like libraries, swimming pools, indoor play centres or even public primary and high schools?

Australia HAS a high vaccination rate, we are well over the required 90% for herd immunity to work so this is not an argument that makes sense. Even though we are a highly vaccinated country overall, we are still experiencing resurgence of such diseases like whooping cough and measles in not the unvaccinated but FULLY VACCINATED children. Yes vaccinating 'save lives' yet the current vaccines DO NOT protect as we have been told otherwise these resurgence cases would not be happening.

Vaccines have side effects, majority of the time it is mild however every so often a reaction does occur that is life changing or even life threatening. Australia, unlike the USA, DOES NOT have a Vaccination Compensation Fund. Is the Federal Government prepared to be accountable (and negligent) when a serious vaccine reaction occurs?

In 2010, 23 children in WA were hospitalised after receiving the Fluvax vaccine. After such a high incidence of hospitalisations, the Fluvax vaccine was no longer recommended to children under the age of 5. Unfortunately the nationwide ban was too late for two toddlers; Ashley Jade Eparara DIED and another child, Saba Button, is now permanently disabled and needs constant care for the rest of her life.

Just imagine if something like this happens under the proposed No Jab, No Play policy?

I urge you to dismiss the No Jab, No Play bill as it is not backed by any social science studies indicating that it is needed. It was initiated and has been gaining momentum by poor journalism in newspaper media, feeding on their readers limited knowledge of vaccinations and blaming those who do not vaccinate to be causing the resurgence of diseases such as pertussis.

KEEP the option of Conscientious Objection as a valid vaccine exemption. Continue to allow parents and doctors to work together for the best possible health outcomes for children and their families.

Do not allow newspaper media to influence public health policies, especially with no research available which justifies what the media is proposing.

Thank you,

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