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ATT: Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee  
Parliament House, Spring Street  
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

To the SARC committee,

Like many other aspects of health care, vaccination is a choice and a health care option that should be considered on an individual basis. Some babies and children have more sensitive immune and nervous systems than others and for these children following a 'one shoe fits all' approach can and does have devastating effects. Many children react to and experience side effects of vaccination, some have been reported and others not unfortunately.

As a parent and health care practitioner I would rather not take the chance to find out that my child is one of those children who reacts horribly to vaccination. On another note, I have a real problem with political bodies "enticing" parents with financial incentives to fully vaccinate their children. This is so wrong on so many levels and leads me to believe that a significant amount of money is involved in this immunisation policy and program. For those who have taken the time to educate themselves about the immune system and vaccination, this will not coerce them. As a health practitioner who formally worked in the disability and nursing field, I saw many vaccine damaged children. This saddens me as perhaps if they were not injected with 40+ vaccinations by the time they were 4 years old, they may have been able to grow up without disability... The option should exist to omit certain vaccines that a parent doesn't believe are important and they should also be able to delay the schedule as they see fit for their baby/child.

Human rights laws exist, that allow a parent to make choices and decisions that are best for their children. Whether you are for or against herd immunisation, government forcing parents either way is not fair.

I hope to see this bill re-evaluated for the fairness and human rights of all parents out there who have concerns with this topic.

Kindest Regards,

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(AHPRA registered health practitioner who must remain discreet)