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Subject: No Jab No play/pay policy

Hi,

I thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns regarding the No Jab, No play policy

As a parent, the vaccination issue is a very polarizing one. However the notion of vaccination as a 'one size fits all' is a real issue I feel - one wouldn't prescribe a set of eye glasses to a child, without first testing their eyes. We are all individuals and all react very differently to different medications and vaccinations are no exception to this.

I also feel adverse reactions from vaccinations are much more common then what appears. If vaccinations are so universally safe why has the vaccination compensation program in the US paid out billions of dollars in compensation to families for vaccine injured children since 1986 ? No MP or Doctor I have contacted has been able to provide an answer to this ?

I have spoken to numerous doctors over the years about vaccination and I have received very conflicting information; such as the immune system is strong enough to withstand many vaccinations at an early age to the other extreme of the immune system is very delicate this is why we vaccinate at an early age to protect against disease. In addition when I have asked doctors to provide me with scientific test results comparing the health of vaccinated and unvaccinated children they have simply assured me that such tests have been done but time and time again have failed to provide me with any evidence?

I also feel the new laws will deprive kids of a kindergarten education (because some parents wont get them vaccinated) so in a sense the child is being punished for the actions of the non vaxing parents, this is simply wrong and discriminates against those children and is deeply unfair.

In one sense the argument is not about vaccination at all, but basic human rights and the right of choice. I also feel parents should have a choice in the matter of what goes into the body of a child, this is the basis of a democratic society. The great thing about living in Australia is that there are differences of opinions, there are different ways of life and different belief systems; taking away this choice saddens me and is not the Australia that I know.

The language used such as 'the science is in' is completely at odds with science; science is about challenging ideas, and debating findings, not closing down the conversation. If the 'science was in' in the 1930's we would have never even developed vaccines in the first place?!

For some time parents that don't vaccinate do so because I feel they no longer trust the medical establishment, the government etc..this new No Jab, No play policy doesn't build trust with parents but simply adds fuel to the anti vaccination movement.

I would also question those making this decision what exactly is their individual vaccination status ? are they up to date on all vaccines ? I seriously doubt it...

Thanks for your time

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