To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regards to the Victorian Government’s proposed new law “No jab, no play”.

This proposed new law is in direct violation of Section 8 of the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities, in that it discriminates against a child who has no say in the medical decisions that their parents make for them. It is akin to segregating a child based on the religion that their parents are choosing to raise them within.

The issue of vaccine injured children is highlighted in Section 9, where “every person has the right to life and to not have their life taken”. Vaccine injured children are being largely forgotten in this proposed law, yet they are the ones with the most to lose. Most vaccine injured children are walking evidence that some people cannot handle the current vaccine schedule, yet despite serious life long reactions (seizures, brain damage, behavioural changes, anaphylaxis) many of these children do not qualify for a medical exemption, or if they do, only to the one that cause the immediate reaction, in spite of the fact that most vaccines contain the same inactive ingredients. What are the parents of these children to do if they need to work to afford medical care, yet will now be unable to put their children in child care? For these children the chances are very high that another vaccine will be the one that breaks the camels back and kills them.

The proposed new law also contradicts Section 19 of the Charter as it makes no allowances for peoples own cultural or religious beliefs outside of organised religion. It has been said that no formal religion is against vaccinations, however each religious text is up to personal interpretation and some people have serious moral objections to injecting human and animal products into themselves and their children.

Not only does it violate the above points, it is also violates the Australian Human Rights Commission which states that we “have the ability to make genuine choices in our daily lives” and the right to “freedom to have a religion or whatever belief of his choice,……and freedom to manifest his religion of belief in worship, observance, practice and teaching”. Many people who are choosing to vaccinate their children differently to the current schedule do so because of a strong belief that the current schedule is unsafe for their children.

It could be argued that the issue of public health overrides all of the above, however there is more evidence to suggest that recently vaccinated children can and do spread diseases and illnesses, and that they can in fact catch the very illnesses that they were vaccinated for, and are more likely to spread it, due primarily to the fact that doctors are prone to misdiagnose a vaccinated child presenting with a “vaccine preventable disease".

Public Health Officials Know: Recently Vaccinated Individuals Spread Disease (A statement on the website of St. Jude’s Hospital warns parents not to allow people to visit children undergoing cancer treatment if they have received oral polio or smallpox vaccines within four weeks, have received the nasal flu vaccine within one week, or have rashes after receiving the chickenpox vaccine or MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine.)

FDA study helps provide an understanding of rising rates of whooping cough and response to vaccination (*shows that acellular pertussis vaccines licensed by the FDA are effective in preventing the disease among those vaccinated, but suggests that they may not prevent infection from the bacteria that causes whooping cough in those vaccinated or its spread to other people, including those who may not be vaccinated)

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hooping cough, the common name for the disease pertussis. Based on an animal model, the study conducted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and published November 25, 2...

In conclusion, if the Victorian government is serious about the health of our children and stopping the spread of "vaccine preventable diseases", they would be better off excluding recently vaccinated individuals from childcare and kindergarten for at least six weeks.

Thank you for your time,
Aleesha Hercus
To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regards to the Victorian government's proposed new law 'no jab, no play'. Not only do I fear that this law will discriminate against children classed as disabled by Section 4 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 based on a medical status that should remain private, I am also concerned by the fact that it contradicts the very agreement that the Victorian government signed on November 29, 2008. The National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education states that "all governments [are] committed to work together to ensure that all children have access to a quality early childhood education programme, delivered by a qualified early childhood teacher for 600 hours of preschool education in the year before they attend full time school."

The current agreement (2015) also states that "state and territory governments must develop Implementation Plans that set out the strategies to provide universal access including participation by vulnerable and disadvantaged children, and indigenous children."

How the Victorian government justify a policy that goes against what they have agreed to provide for the future generation of our country?

Thank you for your time,

Aleesha Hercus