

21 September 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Proposed No Jab No Play Legislation

I am writing to express my lack of support for the proposed **No Jab, No Play** Legislation in Victoria. I do not support any measure which puts pressure on any parent to medicate or vaccinate their children.

I was personally injured by vaccines approximately 13 years ago and as a result suffered from years of chronic fatigue, food and environmental sensitivities, constant infections, insomnia, depression and was in a general state of being unwell. It was very difficult to hold a job at that time and I spent every non working moment in bed.

When my 3 children were born they were all highly reactive to foods (anaphylaxis and intolerances) as well as environmental chemicals. They were under the care of the RPA Hospital Allergy Clinic and my oldest daughter was advised to be vaccinated in hospital in case she reacted to the ingredients of the vaccines. As I was already aware of the dangers of vaccines, my husband and I undertook research and decided we would rather risk the diseases as we felt the risk of reactions to the vaccines were much higher.

It has taken years of hard work to restore the kids and my health. We need to live in a low toxic environment and eat additive free, gluten free, dairy free, grain free and sugar free home made food. The reactions for us when we stray from this regime are very real and serve to remind us how sensitive we are. The kids react with sleeplessness, skin rashes and behavioural issues to pharmaceuticals so we try to avoid these as much as possible. I am happy to report that my kids and I are now in good health and we rarely need to visit our GP nor take any medicines.

When my youngest child was only 9 months old, my eldest child caught whooping cough from her best friend. Her friend's entire family were fully vaccinated and both parents had recently received their booster shots. This family had a bad case of Whooping Cough with debilitating coughing spasms that lasted 90 days and required their toddler to go be hospitalised several times. When we learned of their illness we took my daughter to be swabbed and confirmed that she also had whooping cough. I immediately began dosing the whole family with herbal medicines and high doses of vitamin C (<http://drsuzanne.net/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/A-Preliminary-Report-on-the-Use-of-Cevitamic-Acid-in-the-Treatment-of-Whooping-C.pdf>). I am relieved to report that my daughter barely had a cough, let alone a whoop and my baby although wasn't tested, didn't show any signs of whooping cough.

Even with my children's food and environmental sensitivities and my reaction to vaccinations in 2002, my kids would not be considered medically exempt under the No Jab No Play policy.

No amount of financial or other penalty will make me vaccinate my children. The risk is too great for us. I am concerned that once the Victorian legislation has been approved, it will allow the same policy to be introduced to NSW. The new legislation **WILL** hurt us financially as it means I won't be able to return to work until my children are at school and as a result will need to rely more heavily on government financial support. Please do not punish my children by withholding preschool education based on a decision I have made for them in order to protect their health. If need be I would home school my children or leave the country but I **WILL NOT** vaccinate them.

Yours sincerely

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