I am writing regarding the No Jab, No Play legislation coming before the Victorian State Government.

This legislation is discriminating against children and families based on their own health decisions on how best to raise their family. It would be neglecting a child’s early education and banning them from attending kindergarten if they have not been fully vaccinated. These kindergarten years are highly recommended and encouraged as a foundation to prepare them for school.

This is about injecting young, healthy, innocent babies with a number of doses of 12 different viruses along with a liquid comprised of common substances including: Aluminum gels or salts of aluminum, Antibiotics, Egg protein, Formaldehyde, Monosodium glutamate (MSG) and 2-phenoxy-ethanol, Thimersal, a mercury-containing preservative.

As a parent it is our responsibility and right to raise our children in the best way we know how and if for some reason we feel it inappropriate or cannot vaccinate our children they will be discriminated against and miss out on a vital foundation of their education.

People with HIV, Hepatitis B & C are not allowed to be discriminated against and have no exclusion criteria so how is it fair that healthy unvaccinated children are.

I have reviewed the scientific literature here and overseas and have no doubt in my mind that these injections may harm a child potentially for the rest of their life.

In addition to the above I lodge this objection based on The Victorian Charter of Human Rights & Responsibility and believe the following sections have been or will be breached.

Section 8
The rights of parents to express a view based on research and scientific evidence contrary to that government advisors have promoted have been abrogated. They are not recognised or treated equally under the law.

Section 13
All immunisation records or lack thereof will be public knowledge, teachers, enrolment officers etc will all have access to this information leading to possible discrimination such as wax experienced by Eve back in the early days of HIV!

Sections 14, 15 & 16
The right of freedom to speech has already been abrogated as health professionals across all modalities are discriminated against. If they speak out with an alternate view, with alternate evidence and in any way are seen to support objections to this proposed law, they face deregistration from their respective Registration Boards.

As a result, counter arguments and balanced debate has not occurred from those qualified with medical and scientific training - they have been unfairly and unjustly silenced which cuts across all three rights as noted above - the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief (s14), the right to freedom of expression (s 15), the right to peaceful assembly and freedom of association (section 16)

Section 17
Under the proposal, the ONLY accepted reason for exclusion is if children have ALREADY had an adverse reaction to immunisation. Parents who do not wish to take this risk clearly have lost their right to protect their children in the way they believe to be in their best interests. In addition, if there IS an adverse reaction, there is no protection as the risks of such reactions are spelt out in the fine print of the medication packaging.

In my considered opinion, as a parent, health professional, a business owner and as a law abiding, contributing member of our society, this proposal needs a great deal more consideration and should be withdrawn.
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