I am writing to express my objection to the proposed “No Jab No Play” legislation that is currently before parliament and if passed, will take effect early next year. The legislation proposes to not only remove Conscientious Objection but to prevent children and their families from accessing education, childcare and social benefits unless they are fully vaccinated. There will be no allowances made for partially or delayed vaccinations. Vaccination is not mandatory in Australia and until now, parents have held the right to conscientiously object to what is a medical procedure.

If this legislation is passed it will contravene our Constitution which expressly prohibits civil conscription in order to receive welfare or childcare benefits - section 51, 23A.

The Victorian Human Rights Charter also states under section 10(c) that a person must not be “subjected to medical or scientific experimentation or treatment without his or her full, free and informed consent” and in this case, the Australian government's vaccine handbook clearly states "For consent to be legally valid, the following elements must be present: It must be given voluntarily, in the absence of undue pressure, coercion or manipulation.”

Some parents will need to leave their jobs if they can no longer afford childcare or be forced to vaccinate their children (against their will) in order to keep their jobs. This is not informed consent and this is illegal – neither is coercing parents to vaccinate their children in order to access education – in this case kindergarten.

Under section 8 (2) "Every person has the right to enjoy his or her human rights without discrimination” and this proposed legislation would be in contradiction of the said right.

To impose this legislation, not only breeches human decency, but also Australian Informed Consent Laws and The Australian Constitution which guarantees Australians political, medical and religious freedom.

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