

The Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs
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Canberra ACT 2600

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Re: No Jab, No Play Proposed Policy (Victoria, 2015)

I am writing to you in relation to the No Jab No Play Legislation.

Referring to the "Convention of the rights of a child" document, it is my WILL that it is recognised that the proposed **No jab No play policy** breaches this convention for the following reasons:

- i) I would like to draw your attention to **point 3 of the Convention**, which states that working families have a right to childcare facilities. The "no jab no play policy" would discriminate against children whose parents choose not to vaccinate.
- ii) **Point 1 of the Convention** also states that "*parents have primary responsibility for up bringing and development and the best interest of the child is their primary concern.*"

As a parent my primary concern is to protect my child from being injected with vaccines that have many possible side effects as listed on the information provided by the vaccine manufacturer especially **WITHOUT a proper government funded Compensation Scheme in place** (which exists in all other Western society countries where vaccination plans are in place).

States parties shall provide assistance to ensure the development of children...with facilities and services.

- iii) Denying unvaccinated children of childcare this is a clear breach of this act. As a schoolteacher, I would see it as detrimental (and our profession is backed up by research on this regard) that some children come to school **socially unprepared** for compulsory education. **Policies like this have proved to have the potential to exacerbate further radical positions** like those of people who do not vaccinate.
- iv) Finally, and most importantly, **vaccination is NOT compulsory under the current Australian Constitution**, which we should all uphold as our ultimate guide in our society and as a base upon which we protect the human rights of Australian citizens and residents. The proposed policy is a coerced attempt at **making vaccination compulsory for pre-schoolers**,

when their parents (and important stakeholders like teachers) are NEVER asked for their vaccination status **to enter and attend workplaces**, which may include schools they teach at. Some teachers may be individuals who NEVER got vaccinated and they are allowed into schools. Why should they be allowed to enter early childhood centres and not children, for whom these places are created?

Below is the section of the act I refer to and it is my WILL that the committee considers them in regard to the proposed policy:

CONVENTION OF THE RIGHTS OF A CHILD.

Article 18

1. States Parties shall use their best efforts to ensure recognition of the principle that both parents have common responsibilities for the upbringing and development of the child. Parents or, as the case may be, legal guardians, have the primary responsibility for the upbringing and development of the child. The best interests of the child will be their basic concern.
2. For the purpose of guaranteeing and promoting the rights set forth in the present Convention, States Parties shall render appropriate assistance to parents and legal guardians in the performance of their child-rearing responsibilities and shall ensure the development of institutions, facilities and services for the care of children.
3. States Parties shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that children of working parents have the right to benefit from child-care services and facilities for which they are eligible.

The Victorian Government should uphold the values of the Australian Constitution and the Conventions of the Rights of the Child, and invest in more education programs for parents who have fair concerns vaccinating their children without a compensation scheme set in place.

Thank you for your attention, kind regards,

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