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Subject: No Jab No Pay

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to express my great concern over the proposed new legislation No Jab No Pay.

My oldest child was quite sick following a routine MMR vaccination aged 1, and consequently I began thinking about and researching vaccinations. I felt very privileged to live in a country where people can educate themselves and make decisions for themselves and their families without prejudice. Until now.

The proposed policy is poorly thought out for a number of reasons and I strongly object to its introduction. Firstly, there is a plethora of excellent scientific research which shows that vaccinations are not 100% safe. Even the vaccine insert which accompanies the vaccines indicates that they can have side-effects! If there is a risk associated with something, however small that risk may be perceived to be, there absolutely must be choice. Which brings me to my second point. Why is there no Adverse Reaction Reporting Scheme for Vaccinations in Australia and why is there no Vaccine Injury Compensation Scheme? Not only is this badly out of step with international best practice but it prevents the scientific research community from being able to collect evidence which could help improve vaccination safety for all.

None of my three children have been enrolled in childcare and I have no intention of doing so. My oldest child has enjoyed and greatly benefitted from attending both 3 and 4 year old kindergarten programs and I feel saddened to think that my two younger children will not be able to access these valuable programmes because of the No Jab No Pay policy.

Given that the number of non-vaccinated people in Australia is statistically very small, this policy seems to be something of a witch hunt. While I respect the rights of those people who chose to vaccinate, I feel very strongly that informed consent must remain the foundation of all medical decision making. Attempting to coerce me into vaccinating my children by removing Family Tax Benefits (for which my husband contributes generously through his payment of taxes), will not work. It will, however, prevent me, my family and friends from voting for Labor in the next elections. My husband's taxes will hopefully then go towards paying the salary of an MP who actually listens to their constituents.

Yours sincerely
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