Ms Lizzie Blandthorn MP
Chair
Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee

Dear Ms Blandthorn,

I write to voice my strong objection to the proposed legislation which would exclude partially or completely unvaccinated children from attending childcare centres and preschool kindergartens, providing no exemption to a family who has a conscientious objection to vaccinating their children.

This is discrimination against both the children and their parents. Many parents of unvaccinated or partially vaccinated children believe that the benefits of immunisation are outweighed by the toxic nature of the preservatives and stabilisers and that they create situations such as immune overload. There is a growing body of evidence that this is the case. There is very little research on the toxic implications as most of the double blind placebo trials use placebos that contain these problematic toxins.

To financially and educationally punish these parents and children will open up a vast array of discriminatory issues. To cover a few - parents of unvaccinated or partially vaccinated children will find it hard to go back to work and remain on parenting benefit or other centrelink payments for longer. Their income from paid work as well as benefits will be affected and were a case of discrimination sustained in court the government may be liable to reinstate these losses. Secondly their children will miss out on the beneficial experience of pre-school education which prepares them for school and life in the community.

You can not exclude a child from education who has HIV or Hepatitis B on discriminatory grounds. So how can it be justified that children who are healthy and well, be excluded because their parents choose not to vaccinate against the childhood diseases? If vaccinations work then everyone who has decided to vaccinate is protected from these diseases.
In fact the Victorian State legislation (2008) already states that "all children have access to affordable, high-quality early childhood education in the years before schooling" and also states "high-quality early childhood education and care supports the workforce participation choices of parents with children in the years before formal schooling"

Exclusion of unvaccinated children unfairly disadvantages them, especially if they are already financially and or socially vulnerable. For disadvantaged children, access to childcare exponentially improves their educational and social outcomes.

The act is in direct opposition to the UN Convention on the rights of the Child: "Article 21. States Parties shall respect and ensure the rights set forth in the present Convention to each child within their jurisdiction without discrimination of any kind, irrespective of the child’s or his or her parent's or legal guardian's race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth or other status. 2. States Parties shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that the child is protected against all forms of discrimination or punishment on the basis of the status, activities, expressed opinions, or beliefs of the child’s parents, legal guardians, or family members."

By disallowing conscientious objection, which is not easy to obtain and therefore will only be obtained by those parents who very strongly believe that vaccinations are harmful to their children, the Victorian Government is discriminating against these children. And may become liable for vaccination injuries and may become involved in numerous court cases where occurrence of harm to a child is closely associated in time to a vaccination. Consent must be obtained for medical intervention and such powerful and overwhelming coercion on the part of the government interferes with

But the bottom line is that there are better ways to boost vaccination which do not discriminate against children and their parents and in fact major organisations such as the Australian Medical Association state that this is punitive and unnecessary - https://ama.com.au/ausmed/forget-'no-jab-no-pay'-schemes-there-are-better-ways-boost-vaccination

I am looking forward to a personal response which addresses the content of my submission in regards to the discriminatory nature of this act.

Yours sincerely,

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