Dear Ms Lizzie Blandthorn,

I write to you to raise my concerns with the current proposal of the 'no jab no play' policy. I believe it will be a breach of basic human rights and create a platform for discrimination to be viewed as acceptable. Discrimination should never be acceptable let alone a basis for government policy regardless of how good their intentions are.

I believe denying a healthy child public services and education for refusal of a medical procedure that the scientist admit have REAL risks and adverse effects regardless of how rare they might be, is a plain and simple example of pure discrimination. How can this be allowed let alone government policy when we don't discriminate against people/kids with known contagious and deadly diseases, how is it right to discriminate against those that are healthy? At the end of the day with the proposed policy anyone can still bring vaccine preventable diseases into a childcare centre or kindergarten by parents, carers, administration people or any adult or child visitor who is not up to date with vaccines that wear off in 5-10 years.

I believe in implementing the policy as a way of encouraging and reminding people who choose to vaccinate that they are behind the recommended schedule, but do not remove contentious objection. If we impose penalty and discrimination for refusal of a medical procedure now, where will this stop? There must be true choice without persecution for a particular choice.

I really hope that you see the issues in the proposed policy that push many legal, moral and ethical boundaries when it comes to discrimination and human rights. I hope this issue is looked at truly objectively as their are many floors with the current proposal. Many thanks for considering my thoughts on this issue.

Kind regards,

Melinda Clarkson