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To: SARC
Subject: no job no pay

Dear Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee,

I am writing to you regarding the No Job No Pay policies, proposed by the government, that would eliminate all parental rights regarding vaccination decisions for their children. These policies would remove the conscientious and religious objections to vaccinations and makes full, complete vaccination a prerequisite to receive FTB A supplementary and child care subsidies. These policies as they are highly flawed, discriminatory and ultimately illegal. They are a breach of basic human rights to choose what we do with our own bodies.

Please carefully read the reasons why I would recommend that you do not support these policies, as well as the important links that support my reasons.

1. Informed Consent - informed consent is written into the government's vaccine handbook and 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."

The policies remove any form of philosophical objection and impose financial penalties for those who decide to opt out or delay vaccination. Even though the majority of Australians who delay or object are high income earners who will not be affected, there are single income families, single parent families and low income earners who will be forced into vaccinating their children. Some parents will be forced into a situation where they will have to vaccinate their children against their will. This is not informed consent and this is illegal.

Definition of coercion - the action or practice of persuading someone to do something by using force or threats.

2. Vaccines are not safe or effective for everyone - and where there is a risk there must be a choice, free from financial punishment or coercion.

Vaccination poses its own risk to health and is legally termed "unavoidably unsafe", by removing objections and enforcing financial punishments for not vaccinating the government is breaching the constitution and Nuremberg code. This policy does not take into account the individual needs of the child or their health care requirements.

thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this debate.

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