

To the Australian Human Rights Commission

Megan Mitchell

Commissioner for Children's Rights

Tim Wilson

Commissioner for Individual Freedoms

Dear Mr. Wilson and Ms. Mitchell,

Please could you explain why the Australian government is currently removing our right to ***philosophical and religious exemption*** to vaccination policies in the new Childcare package without a public discussion in the mainstream media? This welfare subsidy has never been an immunisation subsidy, it is a benefit to support *all* families with the costs associated with children. In addition, whilst linked to vaccination, it has always been a choice.

In the 'Jobs for Families' statement, the Abbott government has made the following claim:

"All childcare subsidies and support will remain linked to immunisation requirements which from 1 January will be strengthened under the Government's '*no jab, no pay*' policy. The only exemption to this policy will be medical grounds."

This statement is the only statement informing the public of the government's intention to remove philosophical and religious exemptions to vaccination. And it has not been clearly stated or presented and discussed in the mainstream media. Instead, it was presented on a facebook forum (26 May 2015) by the Minister for Social Services, Scott Morrison and the Minister for Communication, Malcolm Turnbull, but without proper discussion of this change to childcare subsidies and why it is necessary.

Why is it necessary to remove the public's right to informed consent in vaccination policies, and coerce parents to vaccinate their children with financial benefits, *if vaccines are safe and effective*? And why is this being done without public discussion in the mainstream media? I have copied several journalists and the concerned community into this email and I

hope that the Australian Human Rights Commission will provide an answer to these questions.

The removal of the right to choose a medical intervention is against the Nuremberg Code, a set of ethical principles developed by the World Medical Association (WMA) in 1947 and considered to be the cornerstone on human research ethics. This code is tied to the physicians' oath in the Declaration of Geneva – this is the declaration of a physician's dedication to the humanitarian's goals of medicine

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Declaration\\_of\\_Geneva](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Declaration_of_Geneva)).

The dangers of vaccines are well documented and this new policy will represent a crime against the population if the Australian Human Rights Commission cannot provide the burden of proof for this policy. Here is a petition with 16,500 signatures demonstrating the community concern for this issue *even without media publicity*.

[https://www.change.org/p/minister-scott-morrison-don-t-punish-parents-for-making-an-informed-choice-about-their-children-s-health-all-parents-deserve-to-make-an-uncoerced-choice?tk=awJ2x5C99vk2cJGvupL4M9uN94M-jEE7WADZM8CT1ZA&utm\\_source=petition\\_update&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.change.org/p/minister-scott-morrison-don-t-punish-parents-for-making-an-informed-choice-about-their-children-s-health-all-parents-deserve-to-make-an-uncoerced-choice?tk=awJ2x5C99vk2cJGvupL4M9uN94M-jEE7WADZM8CT1ZA&utm_source=petition_update&utm_medium=email)

I request that the Australian Human Rights Commission answers these questions and ensures that the Abbott government fully explains its intention to remove our choice in vaccination, in the new \$3.6 billion childcare package, *in the mainstream media*.

Kind regards,

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