

Newsletter 11 Protecting our right to Bodily Integrity and the current draft

Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill (2nd February 2013)

In Australia our right to decide how many vaccines we use in our own bodies is currently under threat with the draft Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill that is before the senate Inquiry. There is a clause in this Bill that ensures that exemptions to discrimination will be legal if the conduct is included in Commonwealth Acts including National Health Acts and the Therapeutic Goods Act. This clause is of great concern when we are aware that bodily integrity has already been removed from individuals in the USA. Please take the time to view the link below published by the National Vaccine Information Centre (NVIC) in the USA which shows that people in America are losing their jobs if they are not vaccinating.

http://www.organicconsumers.org/articles/article_26947.cfm

I will include here the letter I have sent to the Federal Human Rights Commission requesting that the government ensures there is an open and public debate on this issue before it becomes legal to use coercive measures with a medical procedure (vaccination) in a public health policy. In Australia this has already occurred and the public has not consented to this policy.

Here is a link to the draft Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill and the submission I have made to this enquiry which is published on the website (No. 569). I hope that if you believe in an individual's right to choose how they care for their body then you will take an interest in this Bill to ensure that our bodily integrity will be protected.

http://www.apf.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=legcon_ctte/anti_discrimination_2012/index.htm

My letter to the Federal Human Rights Commission:

Dear Commissioner Trigg and Commissioner Broderick,

Please could you direct this concern to the appropriate person. I am writing to request that the Human Rights Commission ensures that the Senate Inquiry into this draft Human Rights Bill directly addresses the use of medical procedures in public health policies and therefore protects the bodily integrity of the Australian public.

The terms of reference for this inquiry include - 1) the coverage of discrimination and sexual harassment in any area of public life and 2) a streamlined approach to exceptions. This last reference criteria is extremely concerning if medical procedures have been included in Commonwealth Acts and Health Acts - without debate and consent from the Australian public. This is of particular concern in Australia today because of the use of coercion in vaccination policies (a medical procedure). The current Draft Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill does not protect the public's bodily integrity because of the clause in **Chapter 2, Part 2-2, Division 4 Exceptions to Unlawful Discrimination**. In sub-division A - Main Exceptions for Justifiable Conduct No. 26 and 27 allow exceptions for **conduct necessary to comply with Commonwealth Acts and instruments subject to disallowance. This includes exceptions for discrimination in accordance with Commonwealth migration and health laws. Here is the clause of concern:**

Exception for health laws

(3) It is not unlawful for a person to discriminate against another person if:

(a) the conduct constituting the discrimination is in accordance with any of the following Acts, or with regulations or another instrument of a legislative character made under any of the following Acts:

- (i) the *Health Insurance Act 1973*;
- (ii) the *National Health Act 1953*;
- (iii) the *Private Health Insurance Act 2007*;
- (iv) the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*; and

(b) the discrimination is on the ground of any of the following protected attributes, or a combination of 2 or more of the following protected attributes:

- (i) age;
- (ii) disability;

The public has not had an opportunity to debate the issue of a medical procedure in public health policies and these policies should not be implemented until they have the participation and consent of the general public on whom they will be imposed. My submission (569) has provided evidence that infectious diseases were controlled in Australia by 1950 - **prior to the use of most vaccines (a medical intervention) and there is evidence that disinterested science is not being used in government vaccination policies.** This evidence can also be viewed at www.vaccinationdecisions.net The public would like the opportunity to debate this issue before this clause is included in this Human Rights Bill yet this inquiry has not ensured that the public was aware of this clause in the Bill and the public hearings have been held over the holiday season - January 23rd, 24th and February 1st 2013. The use of a medical procedure in a public health policy with coercive strategies requires the participation and consent of all stakeholders and yet this issue has not been raised with the public for open debate. Please can you ensure that an open and transparent debate is scheduled for this issue before this report is finalised on the 18th February. This issue is of extreme importance to the health of the Australian public.

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www.vaccinationdecisions.net