



## Newsletter 162 The AMA's False Information about Vaccine Safety

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In Perth, Western Australia, hundreds of people came together to view the film "[Vaxxed: From Cover-Up to Catastrophe](#)" on 19 May 2017. This film is about the researcher at the US CDC, [William Thompson](#), who has provided evidence that his team was asked to destroy the data in their 2004 study that **proved** a causal link exists between vaccines and autism. This issue should be of serious concern to everyone involved in children's health, yet on 20 May 2017, the day after the Vaxxed screening in Perth, the national president of the Australian Medical Association (AMA) was on mainstream TV (channel 10) claiming we are "spending a lot of time disproving quack theories about the risks of vaccines".

He did not mention the scientific evidence from the CDC that was described in the Vaxxed film or the researched evidence provided in my PhD thesis that is published by the University of Wollongong. My in-depth [PhD research](#) concludes that the risks of vaccines most likely outweigh the benefits because the government has not proved that the correlation with increasing chronic illness and autism in Australian children, is not **causally linked** to the ever-expanding vaccination schedule. Contrary to Dr. Michael Gannon's claim about quacks, scientific methodology supports the opposite conclusion, that is, only quacks would claim the current schedule of 16+ vaccines is safe and effective in children, if they have not collected the hard evidence to prove that it is **not causing** the escalating illness and disability (morbidity) that we are now seeing in children.

My PhD thesis provides evidence that "vaccine adverse events are not rare" and that the [Australian Academy of Science \(AAS\)](#) has not provided evidence to support the claim that "vaccines create herd immunity to control infectious diseases". These two claims are myths that are being used by the government to introduce coercive vaccination policies for many unnecessary vaccines. Chronic illness and autism can be prevented and this policy needs public debate of the academic literature to protect public health, and not vested interests, in this policy.

On the 21 May 2017, two days after the "Vaxxed" screening in Perth, the West Australian community was informed in the *Sunday Times* that the new Labor government would be adopting the national government's **No Jab No Play** policy that will prevent unvaccinated children from

attending childcare and preschools in WA. This policy, along with the **No Jab No Pay** Social Welfare policy that discriminates financially against healthy unvaccinated children, is coercive: it is linked to the ability of parents to earn their livelihood. Yet the public has not been involved in any discussion of this policy in Western Australia. On the 9 June 2017 (**one week** after announcing the government's intention) the WA health minister, Roger Cook, is going to the national meeting for state health ministers to sign up to the national government's **No Jab No Play** policy, yet there has been no opportunity for the concerned WA community to be involved in any discussion of this significant health policy.

This is not democracy and the public is currently requesting a meeting with WA politicians to present their opposition to the **No Jab No Play** policy. On the 28 May 2017, at short notice, hundreds of people attended a rally in Fremantle to demonstrate their opposition to the policy and to sign a petition to present in the WA Parliament. This rally has been described in the [Fremantle Herald](#).

To date the concerned WA community has not had a response to our request for a meeting and I will keep you informed of this situation. It is noted that the pharmaceutical lobby groups have significant access to politicians through donations and lobbying activities and they are influencing public health policies and the mainstream media. The public is not being given a voice in these policies and independent science is not being used as the foundation for these coercive and discriminatory policies. Whilst other countries such as Sweden and Switzerland have rejected coercive and mandatory vaccination due to the known serious health risks and lack of independent science, the Australian government is not allowing community input into these policies and conflicts of interests on vaccine advisory boards are endangering public health.

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