



## Newsletter 175 Australia: Moving towards a Medical Police State

Please see below the open letter that I have sent to the academics at the University of Wollongong that are promoting false information on vaccines to the public:

Open Letter

26 September 2017

To Vice-Chancellor, University of Wollongong (UOW), Australia, **Professor Paul Wellings**

**Copied to Professor's Heather Yeatman and Alison Jones, and 60 UOW academics and staff**

Dear Professor Wellings,

Australia is currently implementing legislation regarding vaccination policies that will make this country a [medical police state](#). This situation could not have happened if the University of Wollongong (UOW) had maintained academic integrity in the debate on vaccination. But instead the UOW has allowed industry-associated lobby groups to promote false information about vaccination research - both on its website and in the mainstream media - using *the UOW logo*.

This disinformation campaign using the UOW logo has been promoted by Dr. Matthew Berryman, Dr. John Cunningham, Professor Heather Yeatman, and Professor Alison Jones. The University also requested that ~60 UOW academics sign their name to the *false information provided by Heather Yeatman* in her promotion of immunisation on the UOW website.

Heather Yeatman has never researched vaccination or immunisation policies. She is an expert in **nutrition not** immunisation or immunology. Her comments on the UOW website

contradict the in-depth research presented in my PhD on this topic, [also published on the UOW website](#). Promoting immunisation with the personal opinion of a *non-expert* in immunisation is a breach of academic integrity by UOW.

Here is a link to my interview with Sarah Westall from the US program, ***Business Game Changers***, that describes the political processes that have facilitated this situation. It is titled '[The Vaccination Debate: Let's get Serious](#)' and it has been broadcast nationally throughout the US, Canada, Hawaii and Alaska.

The University of Wollongong is running a disinformation campaign by allowing **UOW academics** and **industry-associated lobby group activists** to suppress the scientific debate on vaccination in the media by presenting their false and misleading personal opinions - using the UOW logo.

This has been achieved by adopting the following strategies:

- Allowing a UOW staff member, **Dr. Mathew Berryman** (no qualifications in vaccination science or policy) to use comments from an industry-associated lobby group blog (***ReasonableHank – Australian Skeptics Inc***) to present false information about my UOW research in the mainstream media (June 2012).
- Allowing an industry-associated lobby group activist, **Dr. John Cunningham** (who has no involvement with UOW and is an orthopaedic spinal surgeon in Melbourne), to make an anonymous complaint of '**allegations of academic misconduct**' to UOW in **2014** about my research on the whooping cough vaccine completed in **2006**. This was 8 years after the research was examined and awarded a High Distinction by UOW academics. The UOW apologised to me for the *misuse* of its complaint procedures and stated that the investigation was **unwarranted**. But this information was not corrected in a press release and it has been used to smear my reputation in the media and on Wikipedia. I am unable to change the false comments and opinions presented on Wikipedia.
- In January 2016, just after UOW published my PhD on the UOW website (11 January 2016), **John Cunningham**, made further false and derogatory comments about the assessment of my PhD in the Australian mainstream media ([Murdoch's News Ltd press – 20 January 2016](#)). He was then awarded an **Order of Australia medal (OAM)** on 26 January 2016 for "**Immunisation and Science**". John Cunningham does not have any special qualifications in immunisation or publications on vaccination/policy or immunology.
- One week after my PhD was published on the UOW website in January 2016, **Professor Heather Yeatman**, (expertise nutrition) was permitted to promote false information about immunisation on the UOW website that was signed by 60 other academics – none of whom have done in-depth independent research on vaccination science or policy. **Heather Yeatman** does not have any special qualifications in immunisation or publications on this topic and she has [promoted false information](#) on vaccines using the UOW logo.
- In March 2016, Professor Alison Jones (expertise toxicology) was a co-author of a paper that attempts to limit the academic freedom of researchers to scrutinise the science of vaccination. This paper is titled '**Public Health and the Necessary Limits of Academic Freedom?**' In this paper Jones attempts to argue that the [scientific debate should be curtailed](#) in consideration of possible adverse events to

- human health. This is *exactly the opposite* to the recognised norms of evidence-based medicine that require full scrutiny of the scientific literature **by all stakeholders** in order to protect human health.

A medical police state can only occur when there is a lack of transparency and accountability in government policies and in academic institutions. We are seeing this situation develop in Australia today with the suppression of the scientific debate on vaccination.

UOW has breached its charter to promote **expert** opinions of vaccination on its website and to allow academic debate of this scientific issue by all stakeholders in the issue.

This is aided by the [misconduct and fraudulent research](#) that is occurring at the US CDC - the body that recommends vaccines for national vaccination programs. It is not the parents who are investigating these policies that are committing fraud and misconduct - it is our government bodies and institutions. This is occurring as governments implement mandatory vaccination policies [without justification](#) in Australia.

Human health is at risk if universities are allowing lobby groups **with vested interests in government policy** to use their procedures to promote false information on vaccines to the public *using the university logo*.

Yours Sincerely,

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