

Newsletter 185 Corporate Lobby Groups Censoring Vaccination Debate in Australia

18 December 2017

On 20 November 2017 the <u>City of Sydney Council</u> removed the promotion of a presentation of university research on vaccination from the Sydney events page. This was done on the basis that they were making a "judgement call" for the health and well being of the population.

This is Orwellian because the opposite is true; denying the public a discussion of evidence-based research from a university is a danger to the health and well-being of the population. So is framing the debate as "anti-vaccination" instead of *an* assessment of the risks of a medical intervention.

The Australian government's vaccination policies have removed human rights in Australia without public concern or acknowledgement because the risks of vaccines are being framed by powerful lobby groups as "anti-vaccination".

In 2016 the religious freedom to refuse the use of 16 vaccines (~51 doses of vaccines) in children - a medical intervention in healthy people - was **removed** (including conscientious and philosophical objection) for all Australians who rely on welfare benefits or access to childcare centres for early childhood education.

This policy that is not based on scientific evidence will soon be extended to all adults and recorded on the <u>Australian Immunisation Register</u>.

University research is by nature *evidence-based* information yet my <u>PhD thesis</u> on the control of infectious diseases has been the subject of a smear campaign in the 18/03/2021

mainstream Australian media and on social media.

This has been organised by subscribers/members of corporate lobby groups - the Australian Skeptics Inc (Stop the Australian Vaccination Network (SAVN)), Friends of Science in Medicine (FoSM) and the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA).

Here is a video of **Richard Di Natale**, the leader of the **Greens** Party in Australia, declaring his support for the <u>Stop the Australian Vaccination Network (SAVN)</u> in the Australian parliament.

The individuals he supports in this video were investigated by the police for sending abusive texts and phone calls to **Meryl Dorey**, the founder of the grassroots consumer group - the **Australian Vaccination Network (AVN) -** a parent group that wants a debate on the risks of vaccination and children's health.

There are many blogs on social media run by the <u>SAVN / Australian Skeptic Inc</u> <u>lobby group</u> members/subscribers that ridicule and defame with impunity anyone who speaks about the risks of vaccines in Australia. The SAVN lobby group even runs a **Hall of Shame** for academics, parents or professionals who present the medical risks of vaccines.

The issue of industry lobby groups using university policies and mainstream/social media to defame student research was reported to the NSW Ombudsman over 12 months ago but no action has been taken.

Public health can only be protected if the academic arguments are debated and if children's health is the primary concern in this policy.

Here is a link to the letter I sent to Clover Moore, Lord Mayor of Sydney (12 December 2017), regarding her censorship of the academic information on the control of infectious diseases and vaccination. Science needs to stand up to scrutiny by all stakeholders *before* human rights can be removed.

This letter provides evidence of how these corporate lobby groups are influencing politicians, public servants and journalists with false and misleading information to promote corporate interests in government policies.

Open Letter to City of Sydney, Lord Mayor, Clover Moore and copied to UOW academics:

12 December 2017

To Lord Mayor Clover Moore and UOW academics 18/03/2021

Re The Censoring of an Academic Presentation on Vaccination from the City of Sydney events page on 20 November 2017

Dear Lord Mayor Clover Moore,

I would like to say how disappointed I was that you attempted to censor the event where I was presenting my academic research. Our event was titled "Let's talk about Vaccination" (20 November 2017 in Sydney). Your comments amount to the removal of freedom of speech in a democratic country. This issue is about the risks of a medical intervention for healthy people not "antivaccination".

In the media article (NewDaily 19.11.17) that attempted to censor this event I note that **Rachael Dunlop** is quoted. Are you aware that she has been the vice-president of the NSW committee of the Australian Skeptics lobby group and also a member of the Friends of Science in Medicine (FoSM) lobby group. **The Australian Skeptics** and **FoSM** are lobby groups with links to **corporations.**

Rachael Dunlop has no publications in the history of infectious diseases or vaccination science or politics and she runs a blog (like many other Skeptic subscribers/members) that uses abuse and ridicule to present her arguments. It is titled "The Skeptics Book of Pooh Pooh"

In 2009 she defaced a poster that I presented to health professionals at the Australian Health Promotion Association (AHPA) Conference in Perth with false information and published it on her Skeptics blog. Please see the <u>original</u> poster and the <u>defaced</u> poster attached.

Our event on 20 November was describing the **worldwide concerns** about vaccine safety that are being debated in many countries (but not Australia) because our media is quoting people who are not qualified to speak on this health issue. A \$5.5 million "education "campaign on immunisation by the Australian government amounts to a propaganda campaign if you censor the medical literature on the risks of vaccination as "anti-vaccination".

My academic research is presenting the scientific arguments and evidence for the risks of this medical intervention and all the risks and benefits must be scrutinised by the public – the main stakeholder in this policy – before they are enforced upon us. Please take the time to read my newsletter 184 that describes how freedom of speech in Australia is being lost because of the influence of *powerful corporate lobby groups* in our media and institutions. The Australian public is very concerned about the discrimination in social welfare policies that is now dividing families with coercive medication and causing significant anxiety in the community. We are also concerned about the loss of freedom of speech in Australia.

Newsletter 184 Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore breaches her Duty of Care to the Australian Public

Yours Sincerely, Judy Wilyman PhD

Last Newsletter for 2017:

I would like to thank everyone who has supported my research and newsletters over the last 5 years. If you have appreciated this unfunded research and debate of children's health I hope you will consider a \$5 donation for the upkeep of my website and continuation of my voluntary newsletters.

My website <u>Vaccination Decisions</u> became necessary because the University of Wollongong does not promote independent research and it does not rectify the public record when organised industry-lobby groups provide false information to the public about student research. My research is in the public interest and to date there has been no Australian public health official, government representative, academic or doctor who has agreed to <u>debate this</u> topic in a public forum. This is a tragedy for public health.

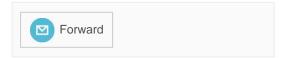
Best wishes for the Chrismas period.

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