

Newsletter 69 Science is driving Choice in Vaccination

As the Australian Government expresses its anger over Indonesia executing two Australian drug smugglers, it is implementing a policy that will remove the free and informed consent for Australians to choose a medical intervention in healthy people: vaccination. This policy will remove our right to choose freely what we put into our own bodies, a fundamental human right that is protected in all International Bills of Human Rights. Yet this is not being discussed in the mainstream Australian media even though the [risks of vaccines and valid consent \(2.1.3\)](#) are required from Australian consumers before a vaccine is administered.

There is no question that the ingredients of vaccines are [unsafe](#) yet in 2012 the Australian government added 3 new vaccines to the infant schedule and linked 'fully vaccinating' a child to \$2,100 in welfare benefits. A doctor's signature was required to refuse any of the 11 vaccines required before 1 year of age. This policy reverses the principle of informed consent by requiring a doctor's signature for parents to *refuse* a vaccine, instead of patient's consent to accept vaccines. The government's policies have been accepted with hardly any presentation of the risks of vaccines in the media. In Australia, Murdoch owns [70% of the major newspapers](#) and by [selecting](#) the information for debate, the issues can be framed to present the desired outcomes.

In addition, many prominent community members and politicians have recently been reported professing their [faith](#) in vaccines in the media to promote the government's policies. Other strategies for promoting these beliefs (without evidence) include school curriculum's and now popular [cartoon or puppet characters](#).

If the science is supporting the government's policy of using unlimited vaccines in developing infants, then educated people would be choosing to vaccinate, *but many of them are not*. Many educated parents are not vaccinating because they have investigated vaccines and discovered that the government's policy is based on [pharmaceutically funded studies](#) designed by government advisory boards riddled with perceived [conflicts of interests](#).

Many Australians would like an open debate on the government's vaccination policies which breach our right to bodily integrity. On 14 April 2015 I received a letter from the Australian Human Rights Commissioner for Individual Freedoms, Tim Wilson, stating that he was not employed to [protect our rights](#) in government vaccination policies. So what 'individual freedoms' is our new Commissioner of Human Rights (appointed December 2013) paid to protect? Here is my [response to the HRC](#) that clearly states that the government has not done the scientific studies that would disprove the causal link between vaccines and the significant increase in chronic illness that is occurring in Australian children - [including autism](#).

In the interests of public health, please stand up for our right to free and informed consent for all medical procedures, and our right to bodily integrity, by signing this [petition](#).

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The HPV Vaccine Debate

There are serious concerns about the lack of efficacy, safety and necessity for HPV vaccines and some countries have removed this vaccine from the recommended schedule. In other countries court cases have begun for the many victims of this vaccine. Debate about the dangers of HPV vaccines is occurring in India, Japan, France, Spain, Columbia, US and Denmark - but not in Australia. Here is the latest [video from Denmark](#) that is discussing the dangers of this vaccine and the way in which many lives have been changed. This is being caused by a vaccine that has not been proven [safe, effective or necessary](#).

Questions for the Australian Government

Here is a letter that a concerned Australian has written to the Australian Minister for Social Services regarding the new ['No Jab No Pay' Policy](#) which will provide welfare benefits only to parents who have vaccinated their children. If this policy is based on evidence-based medicine, why is it necessary for governments to provide financial incentives for parents to vaccinate their children? And why is the Australian media not presenting the human rights perspective of this policy, i.e. choice in the use of medical interventions?

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