

Newsletter 83 Questions for the Government's 'No Jab No pay' Policy

Australia is currently amending its [social welfare policies](#) to mandate the continually expanding schedule of vaccines to children up to 19 years of age. Yet this policy is not supported by legislation under any Health Acts in Australia and the government has not had a public discussion of many of the changes in this proposed policy.

This policy, due to be effective on 1 Jan 2016, involves 3 important changes that require public discussion:

1) The definition of a 'General Practitioner' is changing in this policy. General practitioners under the new definition will refer to a narrower range of medical professionals that does not include the [allied health professionals](#), eg. dieticians, genetic counsellors, osteopaths, etc, who are recognised internationally and by health insurers as practising evidence-based health promotion. This is a method of selecting the science for a public health policy.

2) 'Informed consent without coercion' for a medical intervention is being removed in this policy. This principle is also a directive from the NHMRC in the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#) (ed.10 Section 2.1.3). This directive was adopted by the World Medical Association in 1948 and is covered in many international human right covenants but it is being removed in Australia without public discussion.

3) Personal, philosophical and religious exemptions to vaccination are also being removed without public discussion. Vaccination is a medical intervention for healthy people and the government is continually adding vaccines to its recommended program.

Are all these new vaccines introduced since 1990 necessary for community health when vaccines were not used to control these diseases in the community? The answer to this question and many others will be discussed at a public forum in **Sydney at the University of Technology (UTS) on Thursday 15 October from 6-9 pm**. The government has been invited to present the arguments for this policy and other professionals will be there to answer your questions. This discussion will be filmed for a UTS student documentary. Tickets are free but must be booked in advance. There will be no entry on the night. Here is a link to the [invitation for the event](#) and we hope that you will be interested in discussing the human rights and science in this policy and the consequences for public health. Submissions for the [Senate Committee Inquiry](#) into this legislation close on 16 October 2015.

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HPV Vaccines (cervical cancer)

Concern about the HPV vaccine is being discussed internationally yet there is no presentation of these concerns in the Australian media. Here is a recent article ['Concordia professor condemns HPV vaccine after winning \\$270K federal government grant to study it'](#) describing the serious adverse events that are being recorded globally to this vaccine and some countries like Japan have placed a moratorium on recommending this vaccine until further safety data is available.

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