

Newsletter 86 'No Jab No Pay' Public Hearing, Australia (2nd November 2015)

There have been [thousands of submissions](#) regarding the 'No Jab No Pay' legislation sent to the Senate Committee Inquiry yet only 400 were published on the government website prior to the Public Hearing (2nd November 2015). The Senate Committee will report on the Public Hearing **9 November 2015** and there has been no debate on mandatory vaccination in the Australian media. Here is my [submission](#) to the Senate Inquiry. This researched submission provides evidence for the following conclusions :

- 1) This Social Services policy, mandating all the vaccines on the national program, has not been shown to be for a legitimate public health purpose and is not supported by any legislation or regulations under any Health Act in Australia.
- 2) Australian vaccination policies are not designed by the Australian government. Like all WHO member countries, they are designed by the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI); an alliance composed of private-public partnerships that include pharmaceutical companies.
- 3) Vaccination policies are not based on evidence-based medicine in response to the health needs of Australians. They are part of global vaccination policies.
- 4) The National Vaccination Program (NIP) is not proportionate to the risk of infectious diseases in Australia.
- 5) The 'No Jab No Pay' social services policy is not compatible with 4 International Human Rights Covenants or the Australian Immunisation Handbook for medical practitioners endorsed by the NHMRC.
- 6) A government policy cannot infringe on human rights if it is not demonstrated to be for a legitimate public health purpose, proportionate to the risk of infectious diseases and done in legislation (Tim Wilson, Australian Human Rights Commissioner).
- 7) It has not been based on the precautionary principle in a format that **will protect public health**.
- 8) A public forum to discuss the 'No Jab No Pay' policy was held at the University of Technology (UTS), Sydney (15 October 2015) and all the government representatives and GP's that were invited **declined** to attend. This included: the vaccine advisory boards ATAGI, NCIRS; the Health Department, University Public Health Departments, Social Services Department, medical doctors and immunologists.

The government is intending to introduce mandatory vaccination for childcare centres and welfare benefits on **1 January 2016**. This policy will also change the definition of a 'general practitioner' and all GP's will be required to support vaccination policies through their professional registration (Medical Board of Australia). Will their jobs be at risk if they speak freely on the risks and benefits of vaccines from the medical literature?

This social services policy will not protect public health because it is not based on *all* the medical literature and it is being forced on Australians without any public discussion in the mainstream media of mandatory vaccination linked to financial inducements. The Australian government is intending to introduce this policy with its new legislation to [deregulate media ownership](#) in January 2016.

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Global Concerns about HPV Vaccines

Many serious [adverse events and deaths](#) have been associated with HPV vaccines globally resulting in many countries taking legal action against the manufacturers of the vaccine. Yet the mainstream Australian media has not reported on these global concerns about the dangers of HPV vaccines and journalists have not reported on my research that has been published in [medical journals](#) on this topic and presented at two international conferences. Here is the latest report from Ireland on this topic '[Court told of 'horrendous adverse effects of HPV vaccines'](#)' (Irish Times, 2 November 2015).

For those Australians who do not have children, the HPV vaccine is being given to all Australian adolescents (boys and girls) to prevent a non-communicable disease - cervical cancer - even though the vaccine only prevents infection from 2 of 15 HPV strains that are *associated* with causing cancer but **rarely progress to cancer in Australia**. This is because the environmental and lifestyle factors necessary for progression to cancer are not prevalent in Australia. This is why 80-90% of cervical cancer occurs in the developing countries - not Australia, US or European countries.

Politicians and the Influence of Lobby Groups in Australia

The public's perspective on vaccination has not been properly represented in the Australian parliament or in most Australian media. [Rallies](#) opposing this policy were held in all Australian capital cities (21 June and 20 September 2015) but not publicised in the mainstream media. The Australian media has constantly presented these arguments as 'anti-vaccination' even though the public is requesting 'Freedom of Choice in all medical procedures'. Here is Alannah MacTiernan (Labor MP), the only politician to present the public's perspective of vaccination in public policy discussions in parliament. She describes this action as a '[career limiting move](#)'.

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