



Newsletter 191 Richard Di Natale Misled the Australian Parliament about vaccines in 2013

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In 2013 Richard di Natale, leader of the Greens, presented false claims about vaccines and lobby groups, in the [Australian parliament](#). These claims were framed and founded on research that was funded by the [pharmaceutical industry](#). This research has been used by Australian government advisory boards, with serious [conflicts of interest](#) with the industry-medical complex, to recommend vaccines to the Australian Health Minister.

The Australian Immunisation Program (IAP) website pretends to be a neutral provider of vaccine information but it does not use *any independent research* in the assessment of the safety and efficacy of vaccines.

The statements made in parliament by Richard Di Natale about the role of vaccines in the control of infectious diseases in Australia are untrue and the Australian government is basing a \$5 million 'education' campaign on the myths Richard Di Natale has presented in parliament.

This amounts to a propaganda campaign not an 'education' campaign because the medical risks of vaccines are being suppressed by the government and by the **Australian Health Practitioners Regulatory Authority (AHPRA)**. This also explains why the government cannot and will not allow this topic to be [debated in public forums](#).

In 2015, Health Minister, Sussan Ley, and Social Services Minister, Christian Porter would not answer the public's questions about vaccine safety and efficacy - both ministers stated that the questions were the [responsibility of the other department](#). This allowed mandatory and coercive vaccination to be introduced into Australia, without justification, for children up to 19 years of age in January 2016.

Richard Di Natale has also provided untruthful information about the industry lobby group

- **Stop the Australian Vaccination Network (SAVN)** - a lobby group that has openly used [cyberbullying](#) to abuse and defame citizens that advocate for vaccination choice. Bullying is a strategy the vaccine industry is using in the media and on **The Conversation website** to prevent the public debating choice in vaccination.

This cyberbullying and defamation of university researchers / doctors is being done with the support of the authorities. The appropriate bodies will not take action to prevent these internet bloggers from defaming and abusing academics / citizens and health professionals who want to debate the science on the risks and benefits of vaccines.

Richard di Natale defended **SAVN activists**, without health qualifications - including Daniel Raffael, Peter Bowditch, Ken McLeod and Peter Tierney - that use abuse, ridicule and lies to suppress the vaccination debate in Australia.

SAVN - the **Stop the Australian Vaccination Network** is an industry lobby group posing as a grassroots consumer group and it openly states that its purpose is to suppress consumer concerns about vaccines in Australia. This is termed '**astroturfing**' - an organisation claiming to be a grassroots movement but is actually promoting industry interests in government policies. SAVN is using disreputable strategies to achieve its goal of suppressing scientific debate on vaccination.

Emeritus Professor Brian Martin wrote about the disreputable tactics used by the SAVN lobby group to continually harass and defame my reputation whilst I was a student at the University of Wollongong. Here is the article - [Judy Wilyman PhD: How to understand the attacks on a PhD student.](#)

Brian Martin also wrote an article describing how *all professionals / citizens* who speak about the medical risks of vaccines are being discredited with false information by lobby groups using disreputable strategies - '[On the Suppression of Vaccination Dissent](#)'

The University of Wollongong (UOW) has allowed it's policies and logo to be used by the **Australian Skeptics/SAVN activists** in an attempt to discredit my university research and reputation in the mainstream media. These events have been documented with the **NSW ombudsman** but like **AHPRA** ([re John Cunningham](#)) and the NSW police ([re SAVN cyberbullying](#)), the authorities will not address the issues to ensure the public is informed with credible information in reputable debates.

The medical literature shows that the science **doesn't support the claim** that children's health, and community health, is improving with the increased use of vaccines.

This is being ignored by governments because the industry-medical complex is presenting false information to politicians via powerful lobby groups and government advisory boards with serious conflicts of interest with industry.

Dr. John Cunningham, Dr. Stephen Lambert, Dr. Rachel Dunlop, and David Hawkes are leaders of these Sceptic/SAVN lobby groups that are providing false information as well as denigrating academic research in the media and to politicians. Richard Di Natale has presented these pharmaceutically framed arguments about vaccines in

the Australian parliament and this has resulted in policies that will harm human health and remove human rights - the right to bodily integrity.

Richard Di Natale has [perpetuated myths](#) about the role of vaccines in the eradication of infectious diseases in Australia (and globally) and this is allowing the medical-industry complex to develop and introduce more and more vaccines with harmful effects on the community. This harm is being hidden because we have a government regulator of vaccines that is 100% funded by industry (it is justified as a cost-recovery system).

Richard Di Natale has also falsely claimed that 'vaccines do not cause autism'. This is a tragedy for human health because it is untrue and he is suppressing the [causal link](#) that has been found by the US CDC and many other independent peer-reviewed studies.

Richard Di Natale states that he 'condemns the **Australian Vaccination Network**' - the true grassroots Australian citizens who are concerned about children's health - not just infectious diseases and vaccines that are being promoted with fear and false / biased information.

Until Richard Di Natale's falsehoods are corrected the Turnbull government is spending \$5 million on an 'education' campaign that will create *agnotology* in vaccines - culturally induced ignorance based on the publication of inaccurate or misleading scientific data.

This is dangerous to the health of all Australians and the Australian Greens need to make their leader accountable for the false information he has provided in parliament.

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My website [Vaccination Decisions](#) became necessary because the University of Wollongong [is not required to rectify the academic record when organised industry-lobby groups](#) provide false information to the public about my research that is contrary to their vested interests.



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