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The Public Health (Childcare Vaccination) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015.

I am completely against the preposed changes suggested in the above Childcare Vaccination Amendment Bill 2015.

This is such a divisive plan to force children out of childcare centres. Scaring operators into thinking that they had to do this so that they wouldn't be able to be held liable. Childcare centres shouldn't be liable for any illness that occurs and the law should be enforcing that. If a child has a complication from a common cold or virus that they have contracted at childcare is the centre likely to then be held liable ?

Again it is a case of Governments undervaluing the roll of childcare centres in the roll of early childhood EDUCATION, that's right education. A properly run childcare centre is NOT a babysitting service. It is a school to nurture the early development of our young children. This early education is a pathway to formal schooling and sets them in the right direction for a love of learning throughout their schooling life.

I believe that the preposed changes will also further disadvantage families through parents not being able to return to the workforce.

Health care is not a one size fits all. Governments should not be trying to force peoples hand, they should be addressing the problems within the system. Any of the proposed changes that link a child health care and vaccination status to their education is a bad idea. It's going to end up creating greater boarders for the child's education and development.

There are risks related to any medication and this includes vaccination. If a parent has made the decision not to vaccinate or selectively vaccinate they have done this knowing the risks associated with being both vaccinated and unvaccinated. If a parent has weighed up the need for their child to receive a Hep B vaccination at birth and decides against it they should not be penalised.
The Australian Government stands by its extensive vaccination schedule even when other countries are open to debate. Some question the high cost associated with vaccinating for relatively mild virus' in the case of Chicken Pox. In the case of the HPV vaccination Japan has stopped recommending it on their schedule because of the high number of serious adverse events and deaths. Denmark, Columbia, Mexico, Brazil, Scotland and Ireland are all also reviewing the value of this vaccine given the high number of adverse events. Court cases have also begun in France, India, Spain, and Japan regarding peoples serious adverse reactions to this vaccine. There are plenty of case like those globally but in Australia there is an underreporting of 'the other side of vaccinations' and we are expected to burry our heads in the sand and hope for the best.

If the main goal of these changes is to lift the childhood vaccination rates many experts have voiced their concerns over these aggressive methods, suggesting that there are much better ways to reach out to parents through education and perhaps incentives. Bullying should not be any part of Australian law.

Regards,

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