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Health and Ambulance Services Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Sirs and Madams of the Committee,

**Re: Submission for the Inquiry into the Public Health (Childhood Vaccination) Amendment Bill 2015**

Five years ago I was a little apprehensive when finding out my granddaughter wouldn't be fully vaccinated, but was outraged when I discovered the number of vaccines children are expected to have today. I have seen my grandchild grow into a healthy robust child, without the chronic conditions such as allergies, eczema and recurrent ear infections which plague so many children in our community today. In the first two years of her life, she saw a medical practitioner twice while a NSW government report states 'it has been estimated that 93% of children under two see a general practitioner seven times a year or more'<sup>1</sup>. Last year she attended kindergarten, which as an only child, was vital to her social - emotional development as well as her early learning.

It is absurd to exclude any healthy child on the basis of vaccination status on the pretext that the child not fully vaccinated can covertly spread a disease ( to which they are supposedly more susceptible), to a child who may or may not have developed an immune response to a vaccine, to diseases which aren't even readily transmissible, like Hepatitis B and tetanus. Reasoning such as this is 'clutching at straws'.

The proposed legislation will essentially remove choice from parents and give it to childcare centres - a choice that I had as a parent when 'vaccination rates' weren't quantified and vaccines were fewer. Consent to a medical procedure, any medical procedure must remain the responsibility of those who know and love a child the best:- the parents.

Using a proxy, the government would still be forcing a medical procedure when our country does not even have a compensation scheme. My conscience will not allow me to continue to vote for the ALP, and would rather vote for the (Queensland) LNP because at least they rejected the similarly coercive 2013 legislation in favour of an education campaign.

Yours sincerely,



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