## **Health and Ambulance Services Committee**

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Amendment Bill 2013

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I am writing to you opposing the Public Health (Childcare Vaccination) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 in Queensland. I think this is an infringement on peoples right as parents to decide what is injected into their child's body. There is so much factual information out there that points to vaccines not being as safe as we first thought. If you start forcing vaccines and more and more children are adversely affected, how will you feel when finally the truth comes out.

This is not just a vaccine issue, this is an issue of choice. Freedom of choice is an important part of this nation, how can you think you are right in taking it away. How can you be certain that no kids will be affected by these vaccines. Why can't any one be held accountable. Why is there not more investigation into the adverse reactions, the heavy metals and even the 'big whistleblower' Dr. Thompson from the CDC that did not make mainstream news. Regardless of the for and against arguments, Bills are regarding what is lawful. Vaccination records are Medical records which are lawfully private and should not be forced to be discussed in public arenas such as day cares, kindergartens and preschools. It is discriminatory to exclude children from child care regarding their religion, family arrangements, allergies (which causes many more restrictions of activities and inclusions than those who are unvaccinated) etc. so where is the basis that this amendment is any less discriminatory? This is a medical issue. This is a human rights issue. This is a constitutional issue. This is not a Bill that should be surreptitiously passed into parliament without thorough public scrutiny and debate. This Bill amendment will affect the family and economic structure of many families in Queensland due to parental debates on whether two incomes override their children's health and safety (because vaccine efficacy and safety is debatable) and the fact that one parent, usually the primary caretaker being the mother, will not be able to return

to the workforce because her unvaccinated children are unable to attend child care.

This will affect her ability to return to the workplace, her longevity in the workplace, her ability to afford education for her children, her future superannuation, her contribution to society etc. the list goes on. This will also affect the family's economic future, it affects the early education of Queensland children, which we all know is a major federal concern and it will affect the child care business, since they will undoubtedly lose business if this Bill is passed. I haven't even touched on what would happen to single parent families if the parent is unable to have their unvaccinated children enrolled at a child care centre to return to work. The dependency upon the welfare system would be even greater for single and partnered families with child care aged children than it is now. We have a right to not vaccinate. Until vaccines are offered in single dosage and are proven effective and safe, we do not have to use these medications. We do have the right to educate our young children. We do have the right to have our children enrolled into child care without restriction on moral and ethical values and especially not on our medical histories. I plead for everyone on this committee to research this thoroughly, make wise, informed decisions and take all of these factors and perhaps so many more I have not scrutinised into account. This Bill amendment does not look after the people.

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