

## Health and Ambulance Services Committee

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Dear Committee,

My name is Elizabeth Gazeas.

I am writing to oppose the proposed legislation which is deeply inequitable and penalises parents who sincerely care for the wellbeing of their children. It also penalises the children, the innocents in this whole vaccine debate.

Aside from the safety of vaccines being questionable, the liberties and freedoms of parents and their children are at stake. To use any type of coercion to force parents to vaccinate is unethical. This is not where I thought Australia would want to go.

The fact that we are not supposed to question vaccines, that we are not encouraged to look into them ourselves, that political leaders are very closed off to having the discussion, in fact some believe there is no discussion to be had, begs the question, why? If we were serious about wanting an almost fully vaccinated population, would it not be better to have these discussions? If vaccines were so safe, what would be wrong with having these discussions? Would that not be a better way to educate the parents who are afraid of them? Have an open discussion, not bribery!

Many parents who do not vaccinate will not be coerced, for they believe that they are doing the right thing by their children. How can a Govt. cast aside a Mother's instinct? Yes, we are being asked to cast aside our own mother's maternal instinct. Mothers who love their children and will protect them no matter what. How does the Govt. decide what gets injected into our children's bodies? This will not force compliance unfortunately. But it will cause more division, and suffering for the unvaccinated children. We have the right to decide what goes into our children's bodies and to make that decision without bribery. We are heading to a bad place if we allow this legislation to pass.

Please consider not allowing this to pass. Our children deserve equal rights. Regardless of opinions on vaccines, this law is highly inequitable for these children. Some may think the parents are to blame for not vaccinating, but some of these parents have witnessed injuries to their children following vaccinations. Many

of these parents started off vaccinating their children and ceased after serious issues following the vaccines. These parents care for the wellbeing of their children.

Sadly, vaccines are not guaranteed to be safe. And for some parents, no guarantee means no jab. Especially for the ones who have witnessed consequences. The innocent children are the ones who will miss out should the law pass. Please do not penalise these babies.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth Gazeas