

To the Committee,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed legislation that gives childcare centres the ability to exclude children who are not fully vaccinated from their centres.

I am not anti-vaccination, my wife and I had our daughter vaccinated as a child. This was over 36 years ago when vaccination was a voluntary, opt in process. In those days there were no incentives such as the immunisation allowance to encourage parents to vaccinate. Parents were free to choose which vaccines they would have administered to their children and when, without fear of losing financial support and without the fear of their children being excluded from childcare.

I am now the grandfather of a 4 year old. My daughter and her husband are conscientious objectors. At first I did not understand their concerns until they showed me the current vaccination schedule and the listed side effects on the vaccine inserts. The ingredients contained within vaccines, especially the neurotoxins compounded within a young baby before the blood-brain barrier is fully formed is of great concern and it did not take me long to understand why they would consider not vaccinating according to the government schedule. There appears to be too many vaccines given too early. Previous vaccination schedules contained 17 doses to 8 diseases by age 6 however today's schedule contains 41 doses to 14 diseases.

My daughter has spoken with me at length about her vaccine research that began before my grandson was born and continues to this day. I do not claim to be as familiar with the research and dangers associated with numerous vaccines as she is, but the little I have learnt from her compels me to write this submission to ask that the legislation be rejected and that parents be able to make vaccination choices for their children without fear of having them excluded from childcare and kindergarten.

On a final note, I think about my grandson and how much he has loved his time in daycare. He has many little friends and shares a close bond with his educator. It would break his heart, and in fact it would break my heart also if he was told that he could no longer attend if the establishment he is enrolled in decided to act on this legislation.

This legislation is unnecessary and potentially places families under financial strain if parents cannot enrol their children in childcare so that they can work to provide for their family. It also jeopardises the early childhood education every child has the right to receive.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.