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The Hon. Malcolm Turnbull, MP Prime Minister of Australia

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RE: COERCIVE OVER-VACCINATION OF CHILDREN AND THE FLAWED NO JAB, NO PAY LAW

Prime Minister Turnbull, it is alarming that Senator Pauline Hanson has been so aggressively attacked and bullied by you and others for representing parents' legitimate concerns about vaccination policy and practice.¹ In our liberal democracy we must be allowed to freely question government mandated medical interventions, i.e. vaccination.

Children in Australia are being grossly *over*-vaccinated with a plethora of vaccine products, and this is occurring with the support of the medical/scientific establishment, politicians, coercive vaccination lobby groups, and the mainstream media.

Currently children aged from birth to 15 years will have at least 46 doses of vaccines via combined vaccine products and revaccinations². This does not include the dubious flu vaccinations we are all being pressured to have every year. More vaccine products are in the pipeline, e.g. the Bexsero meningococcal B vaccine which has been rejected *three times* by the PBAC due to 'multiple uncertainties'³ about this vaccine product for a rare disease⁴. Vaccine manufacturer GlaxoSmithKline is determined that this aluminium-adjuvanted vaccine product will be added to the schedule, and is currently trying to impose this vaccine via the states, i.e. South Australia in the first instance.⁵

The general public is unaware that there are serious conflicts of interest in the Australian government's vaccination bureaucracy, with the committee that 'recommends' vaccine products for the taxpayer funded vaccine schedule (ATAGI) being colonised by academics who have associations with the vaccine industry, e.g. via funding for their participation in vaccine product clinical trials, and funding to participate in vaccine conferences etc.⁶ (See my letter to former Prime Minister Tony Abbott – <u>Vaccination policy and practice in Australia – lack of transparency and accountability</u> (21 January 2015) and <u>my email to former Chief Medical Officer Chris Baggoley</u> (23 June 2016) on this topic.)

There is a serious lack of transparency and accountability for the Australian government's vaccination policy, and lack of consultation with the community about the addition of new vaccine products to the schedule. The mainstream media, including the taxpayer funded ABC and SBS, is an unquestioning avid supporter of 'vaccination', and is failing to provide critical analysis of the worth of individual vaccine products and revaccinations.

Prime Minister Turnbull, I request you undertake an urgent independent and objective review of Australia's taxpayer funded vaccination schedule, including consideration of informed citizens' input on this matter. This is particularly urgent since the imposition of the Australian government's coercive No Jab, No Pay law. This is a bad law which conflicts with the obligation for valid consent before vaccination, with serious implications for the bodily autonomy of 'pre-citizens', i.e. children. (See my letters to former Prime Minister Tony Abbott dated 22 June 2015 and 26 August 2015 and my submission re the No Jab, No Pay Bill (16 October 2015)).

In the first instance I request you:

- Initiate an urgent review of industry and politically motivated Gardasil HPV vaccination, which was fast-tracked in dubious circumstances in the run-up to the 2007 Federal election, after its original rejection by the PBAC in 2006. For your information, I am currently undertaking detailed correspondence on HPV vaccination with Cochrane Nordic and the Editor-in-Chief of the medical journal *The BMJ*, including discussion about:
 - the lack of evidence for multiple HPV vaccine doses;
 - the lack of evidence for prevention of cancer;
 - the lack of scientific knowledge about HPV vaccination, i.e. scientists such as Professor Diane Harper admit "the mechanism of immunogenicity from a scientific perspective is poorly understood";
 - the novel turbo-charged aluminium adjuvants in the VLP HPV vaccine products, which are reported to induce *unnaturally* high antibody titres, many fold higher than natural HPV infection;
 - the potential for a continuous shift in HPV types ('type replacement') as a result of vaccination, and the uncertainties this brings:
 - fear-mongering about the risks of HPV and misleading information:
 - political interference in the implementation of HPV vaccination, e.g. in Australia, which had a domino effect in fast-tracking HPV vaccination around the world;
 - the lack of independent and objective evaluation of HPV vaccination; and
 - the lack of 'informed consent' before HPV vaccination, children are guinea pigs in this global experiment. Hyperlinks to my detailed and fully referenced correspondence on these matters can be accessed on this webpage: https://over-vaccination.net/cochrane-collaboration/ I also forwarded a detailed letter to former Prime Minister Tony Abbott Challenging compulsory vaccination with the Gardasil HPV vaccine (4 July 2015).

- Take steps to ensure parents are offered the option of antibody titre testing (i.e. a blood test) to verify immunisation after vaccination with the first dose of live measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine (an option parents may be willing to pay for themselves), and that parents not be compelled to have their children over-vaccinated with a second dose of live MMR vaccine if they are already immune after the first dose. (See my letter to former Prime Minister Tony Abbott Challenging compulsory revaccination with the second dose of live MMR vaccine (4 August 2015) and my email to former Chief Medical Officer Chris Baggoley (16 June 2016).
- Undertake a review into varicella/chickenpox vaccination, including via the MMRV. It is notable that the UK NHS has not implemented chickenpox vaccination, why have we done it here? The UK NHS notes: "There's a worry that introducing chickenpox vaccination for all children could increase the risk of chickenpox and shingles in adults. While chickenpox during childhood is unpleasant, the vast majority of children recover quickly and easily. In adults, chickenpox is more severe and the risk of complications increases with age. If a childhood chickenpox programme was introduced, people would not catch chickenpox as children because the infection would no longer circulate in areas where the majority of children had been vaccinated. This would leave unvaccinated children susceptible to contracting chickenpox as adults, when they are more likely to develop a more severe infection or a secondary complication, or in pregnancy, when there is a risk of the infection harming the baby. We could also see a significant increase in cases of shingles in adults. Being exposed to chickenpox as an adult - for example, through contact with infected children – boosts your immunity to shingles. If you vaccinate children against chickenpox, you lose this natural boosting, so immunity in adults will drop and more shingles cases will occur. 7 Again, why have we interfered with the natural progression of this mild childhood disease and implemented varicella/chickenpox vaccination in Australia, without consultation with the community? Now the Immunise Australia Program is pushing taxpayer-funded shingles vaccination for 70-79 year olds.8 Is shingles a problem the Australian government has created by implementing varicella/chickenpox vaccination?
- Initiate an urgent review into repeated revaccination throughout life with the aluminium-adjuvanted diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis/whooping cough vaccine. Repeated so-called 'boosters' with the apparently defective acellular pertussis/whooping cough vaccine may actually be causing new strains of the disease to develop⁹, and spreading the disease via vaccinated individuals¹⁰. Children are now having six vaccinations with the combination diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis vaccine, i.e. primary vaccination at 2 months, 4 months and 6 months, then so-called 'boosters' at 4 years, and between 10-15 years¹¹, plus another 'booster' at 18 months has been implemented since the No Jab, No Pay law came into effect. 12 13 14 And it doesn't stop there as, in an attempt to protect newborns from whooping cough, (which may cause death in babies in rare cases¹⁵ ¹⁶), pregnant women, household contacts of infants, and healthcare workers are also being urged to be revaccinated again and again with the diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis vaccine, in other words lifelong revaccination.¹⁷ What is the point of imposing more and more so-called 'boosters' with an apparently defective vaccine which may actually be causing new strains of the disease to develop18, and spreading the disease via vaccinated individuals¹⁹. What sort of 'science' is this? The so-called 'vaccination experts' seem to be making this up as they go along, and using the population as guinea pigs. Certainly these repeated revaccinations must be a very lucrative profit centre for vaccine manufacturers, can we look forward to this occurring with other vaccine products too, e.g. HPV vaccination? The problems with the acellular pertussis vaccine raise important questions about "what defines immunity?", "what is a vaccine preventable disease?", and "what level of disease risk justifies mass vaccination?" (It is also interesting to consider if research which indicates some vaccines might support the evolution of more virulent viruses²⁰ may also have implications for non-viral vaccines such as pertussis.) (See my email to former Chief Medical Officer Chris Baggoley (29 February 2016).
- Urgently address misleading statements on aluminium and vaccine safety in The Australian Immunisation
 Handbook and the National Centre for Immunisation Research & Surveillance (NCIRS) Fact Sheet on
 Vaccine Components, and other publications, as detailed in my letter to former Chief Medical Officer Chris
 Baggoley (25 May 2016), and referenced again in my follow up email to Professor Baggoley (3 June 2016).
- Take action to ensure citizens can freely access information about the cost of taxpayer funded vaccine products on the National Immunisation Program Schedule, similar to that provided by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, i.e. the CDC Vaccine Price List. (See Minister Tony Abbott (10 August 2015).

Prime Minister Turnbull the Australian government's No Jab, No Pay law is a travesty. It is being used to force parents to comply with an ever-increasing list of vaccine products and revaccinations, medical interventions which are being imposed without consultation with citizens. We must have transparency and accountability for the vaccination schedule. I again request you implement an urgent review of the taxpayer funded vaccination schedule.

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- ² I calculate at least 46 doses of individual vaccines ie breaking down combination vaccines and including revaccinations on the general schedule for children aged from birth to 15 years ie:
- 4 x Hepatitis B
- 6 x Diphtheria
- 6 x Tetanus
- 6 x Acellular pertussis
- 4 x Haemophilus influenza type b
- 4 x Inactivated poliomyelitis
- 3 x Pneumococcal conjugate
- 2 x Rotavirus (possibly 3 doses, see note b on the schedule)
- 1 x Meningococcal C
- 2 x Measles
- 2 x Mumps
- 2 x Rubella
- 1 x Varicella (Chickenpox)
- 3 x Human papillomavirus

Total 46 doses of vaccines. Also consider many children are being vaccinated with annual flu vaccines too, and are being set up for annual flu vaccination for life - another profit centre for Big Pharma. Plus Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and 'medically at risk groups' are recommended to get annual flu vaccines plus additional Pneumococcal conjugate (13vPCV) and Pneumococcal polysaccharide (23vPPV) vaccines.

Refer to the National Immunisation Program Schedule (From November 2016):

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