

Dear Commissioner Broderick,

**Re Discrimination in Australia on the basis of vaccination status**

I am contacting you in your role as Discrimination Commissioner regarding the discrimination that is occurring in the Australian community on the basis of vaccination status – in the workplace, school placements for children and welfare benefits for parents. This discrimination is occurring in a country where ‘vaccination is not compulsory’ and where there is no legislation or regulation in the health laws to compel a person to accept a vaccine (HRC 2013). Yet David Mason, Principal Advisor Human Rights Scrutiny, informed the community in December 2013 that it was acceptable for ‘institutions to insist on health standards’ and that this does not invalidate the fact that ‘vaccination is not compulsory’ even though it is resulting in discrimination in the Australian population. Discrimination on the basis of vaccination status is unlawful under the health laws in Australia. Yet people are being coerced to use these vaccines to maintain their livelihood – this means it is now compulsory for these people. This is an infringement of the control of our own body’s and it is against our human rights.

Please can you explain how discrimination is occurring in a country where vaccination is not compulsory and where this discrimination is unlawful under the current health laws.

Whilst non-vaccinators are told they can refuse vaccines if they fill out conscientious objector’s forms that are signed by a doctor, the doctors are being told that they do not have to sign these forms. How can this be lawful if the forms are needed to obtain welfare benefits and necessary childcare or employment? This situation is dividing Australian families and the government is not providing transparent answers.

Currently in the NSW parliament there is an inquiry into the powers of the HCCC and the promotion of false or misleading health related information regarding accepted medical practices. There is a lot of community concern about the extension of the HCCC powers that may prevent the public from being involved in debates on health and medical practices – particularly those included in preventative medicine. The terms of reference for this inquiry are a concern regarding the possible censorship of public debate on these issues. I am also unable to see where the government has published the submissions for this inquiry.

Submissions are normally published on the committee website but I am unable to find a link.

Please could you ensure that the submissions for this inquiry are being published on the website and provide the community with a clear answer as to whether vaccination in Australia is compulsory. There can be no discrimination in Australia if vaccination is not compulsory and when discrimination is unlawful under the current Health Acts.

Kind regards,  
Judy Wilyman