

Newsletter 14 Framing the Vaccination Debate

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Thankyou to those who have signed up to the petition My Body / My Choice and who are passing it on to friends and family. I have posted all the information regarding the draft Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill including a link to the actual bill on the 'Human Rights' page of my website <http://www.vaccinationdecisions.net/human-rights-and-vaccination.php> I have also included a description of Clause 23 – 27 'Exemptions to Unlawful Discrimination' that is removing our right to have a choice in the use of vaccines.

Many books and websites are now appearing that are informing us of the over-vaccination of animals and humans. The framing of this debate is fundamental to the government's vaccination policy so I have linked two documents to my website that clarify commonly used terms in this debate. This includes the terms 'vaccination', 'immunisation', 'vaccine-preventable diseases' and 'herd immunity'. <http://vaccinationdecisions.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Definition-of-vaccination-terms-for-website-130303.pdf>

The government's policy depends upon *vaccine-created* herd immunity and this element of the policy is questioned by many researchers <http://vaccinationdecisions.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Questioning-Herd-Immunity-Created-by-Vaccination.pdf>

Herd immunity is produced naturally through sub-clinical and mild infections for many pathogens and this is why infectious diseases in Australia declined significantly by 1950. Our understanding and use of these terms is fundamental to government policy.

The government has misused the word 'immunisation' in the FAQ on the Immunise Australia Program (IAP) website. These two terms cannot be used interchangeably because they have different meanings but the government justifies the misuse of the word by claiming:

'the term immunisation is used on this website, as it is commonly used in the community'.

The government is justifying the misuse of the word on the basis that 'the community misuses these words'. This is misinforming the public about vaccination - a medical procedure. The public must demand evidence for the statement that 'vaccine-created herd immunity' is responsible for the decline in infectious diseases before any vaccine is mandated or implemented with coercive strategies.

This information is provided to help you discuss vaccination with your healthcare provider because vaccines (drugs) are now given to children in school programs where a family history of allergies, anaphylaxis and autoimmune diseases is not being assessed before children are vaccinated.

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