

To the Federal Health Minister,

I am writing in response to the article 'A Noble Cause' aired on *Background Briefing* on the ABC radio 16.10.11. In this article the President of the AMA, Dr. Steven Hambleton, made his position on the transparency of government health policies crystal clear. He stated that:

'A register could jeopardise the reputations of the doctors on it'. In another words, the public interest is not a priority. The need for 'balanced, unbiased and evidence-based science' is clearly not a goal to be achieved by the AMA.

This statement was made with respect to the following activities of doctors and institutions:

- doctors being paid to give presentations using pharmaceutical company slides and pharmaceutical funded research and statistics
- doctors given free international trips and paid to give presentations for drugs
- Pharmaceutical sales representatives given large bonuses to sell a drug even after concerns were raised about the side-effects of the drugs
- The hidden industry ties of academics in universities and similarly in government advisory boards.
- The conflicts of interest in the media presentation of drugs and their side-effects
- The conflicts of interest in Australia's National Immunisation Conference presented by the Public Health of Australia (PHAA) and fully funded by the pharmaceutical companies
- The hidden ties between industry and the chief-editors on peer-reviewed journals, who are selecting against articles with negative findings on drugs/vaccines.
- Little research funding being provided for research in the public interest. In particular, the possibility that the chemicals in the 13 vaccines now recommended to infants under 12 months of age, are causing the steep increase in chronic illness in our children.

These activities of the health department are all occurring without an adequate surveillance system for adverse reactions to drugs and *in particular* to vaccines (which are for healthy

people). Australia has a *passive* post-marketing surveillance system for adverse reactions that is not designed to determine causal relationships with the vaccine. This is a significant failing of the health system and means that chronic illness in the population will continue to increase - *despite all the money that is being put into healthcare*. It also means we will need to put millions of dollars into disability insurance schemes for long-term carers created by a fraudulent health system. Please contact Professor Peter Collignon (ANU) for confirmation of the inadequate surveillance system set up for determining the rates and causal links for adverse events to vaccines.

The government is aware that many educated people are no longer vaccinating their children because they have investigated the ingredients of the ever expanding vaccination schedule.

Many members of the community are concerned about this issue and we are requesting the evidence for this policy. I am happy to provide references for any of the claims made in this email. I will forward this email to the community.

Kind regards,

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