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**The Hon Roger Cook MLA  
Deputy Premier  
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Dr Judy Wilyman  
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Dear Dr Wilyman

Thank you for your email of 24 June 2018 regarding the Northbridge billboard funded by the 'Learn the Risk' organisation.

Immunisation has been instrumental in reducing vaccine preventable diseases worldwide and is well recognised as one of the most effective measures society can undertake to protect the health of the population. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), vaccination is second only to clean water as the public health intervention with the greatest global impact.

An extensive body of scientific research demonstrates that immunisation programs are safe and highly effective in preventing serious illnesses and death.

Comprehensive information on vaccine safety can be found on The National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance website at [www.ncirs.edu.au/](http://www.ncirs.edu.au/) or in the Australian Immunisation Handbook at <http://immunise.health.gov.au/>.

The Western Australian Government is committed to protecting the health of the public through strong immunisation programs and dissemination of accurate information. The Government is supported by experts in the field of public health in this endeavour.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Cook', written over a large, stylized flourish.

**HON ROGER COOK MLA  
DEPUTY PREMIER  
MINISTER FOR HEALTH; MENTAL HEALTH**

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