



# Government-mandated over-vaccination in Australia

## Time for citizens to demand transparency and accountability

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- In light of Australian Federal and State Government coercive vaccination policies and laws, and serious conflicts of interest in vaccination policy, there must be an urgent review of the ever-expanding taxpayer-funded [National Immunisation Program Schedule](#). Pending this review, there must also be a moratorium on the addition of any new vaccine products or revaccinations.** Children are currently expected to have at least 46 doses of vaccines, including via combination vaccine products and revaccinations. (This does not include annual flu vaccinations.) Gross **over**-vaccination is occurring with this plethora of vaccine products. (See additional note re Point No. 1, attached.) (See also website [Over-vaccination.net](#))
- Conflicts of interest in vaccination policy must be examined, e.g.**
  - The group that 'recommends' vaccine products for the taxpayer-funded vaccination schedule, the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI), is heavily stacked with academics who have associations with the vaccine industry, e.g. via their participation in vaccine clinical trials, and funding to participate in vaccine conferences etc. The vaccination schedule must be urgently reviewed in light of these conflicts of interest, which the vaccination bureaucracy has been reluctant to disclose.
  - Similarly the government 'regulator', the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), is conflicted and must be examined. The TGA receives funding from industry to assess medical products, and appears to simply rubber-stamp industry data. Academics associated with industry are also influential at the TGA, e.g. on the TGA's Australian Influenza Vaccine Committee.
  - An article by journalist Adele Ferguson, published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* in February 2010, illustrates the pharmaceutical industry's influence over government, and includes reference to the questionable implementation of Gardasil vaccination; the exploitation of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme; and drug companies taking advantage of **"the revolving door between politics and other branches of the federal government and the industry"**. See Adele Ferguson's article: [The other drug war - the politics of big business](#), *SMH*, 27 Feb 2010.
- Consideration of vaccine safety.** We are assured that vaccines are safe, but the 'peer-reviewed literature' and government material is conflicted by associations with industry and other vested interests. Matters to consider include:
  - Consequences of over-vaccination throughout life – long-term cumulative effects are unknown.
  - Removal of medical exemptions for vaccinations – on what basis?
  - Adverse events after vaccination are grossly under-reported. [The TGA admits: "It is generally acknowledged that adverse events are under-reported around the world, with estimates that 90-95% of adverse events are not reported to regulators."](#)
  - Possible increased adverse impact on indigenous children and other specific groups.
  - Adverse effects of aluminium adjuvants, and other vaccine components.
  - The potential for problems to emerge with the over-use of vaccine products, similar to what has occurred with the over-use of antibiotics.
- Consideration of attacks on doctors concerned about vaccination policy and practice, and adverse events after vaccination, e.g. [the case of Dr John Piesse](#).** It is alarming that doctors who question vaccination policy are being categorically labelled 'anti-vaxxers', and threatened with de-registration by the Federal Health Minister, Greg Hunt. **APHRA and doctors' groups such as the AMA and RACP have ill-served the community with their failure to question the burgeoning number of vaccine products and revaccinations being forced upon children by governments and the pharmaceutical industry.**
- The mainstream media, including the taxpayer-funded ABC and SBS, has failed to provide objective and independent critical analysis of vaccination policy and practice.** The aggressive media campaigns waged by the Murdoch media and coercive vaccination lobby groups SAVN and Friends of Science in Medicine have polarised discussion on vaccination policy. The term 'anti-vaxxer' is used to discredit and marginalise citizens concerned about vaccination. Citizens' legitimate concerns about vaccination policy and practice are being censored, e.g. on the government and research sector-funded *The Conversation* website. **We urgently require more sophisticated and civilised discussion on vaccine hesitancy, and the impact of the bloated vaccination schedule on vaccine confidence in the community.**
- Consider the emergence of the 'adult immunisation register' – are we heading towards coercive vaccination policies for adults, e.g. 'No Jab, No Job', and 'No Jab, No Pension'?**
- Pursue a review to assess the impact of the 'No Jab, No Pay' law, including a review of the Senate Committee Hearing re the No Jab, No Pay bill (2 Nov. 2015).** (See additional note re Point No. 7, attached.)



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### Additional Notes:

**Re Point No. 1, i.e. requirement for an urgent review of the ever-expanding taxpayer-funded [National Immunisation Program Schedule](#), and a moratorium on the addition of any new vaccine products or revaccinations pending this review. The burgeoning number of vaccine products and revaccinations is resulting in gross over-vaccination. Also consider the following points:**

- Definition of the justification for mass vaccination, i.e. what level of disease risk justifies mass vaccination? Also consider questionable 'estimates' of disease and deaths, i.e. fear-mongering about risks.
- Justification for each vaccine product on the schedule, including revaccinations and multiple revaccinations, i.e. so-called 'boosters'.
- Consideration of the coercive 'No Jab, No Pay' law's conflict with the requirement for 'legally valid consent' before vaccination, as outlined in The Australian Immunisation Handbook, Section 2.1.3.
- Consideration of The Australian Immunisation Handbook, and the lack of transparency re current list of authors (2015 update), particularly potential conflicts of interest. Also consider lack of open access for all material referenced in the Handbook, i.e. cited material located behind journal paywalls, and not freely and easily accessible for public perusal.
- Consideration of emerging problems with vaccine products, are the 'magic bullets' showing cracks? E.g.
  - acellular pertussis/whooping cough vaccine, i.e. may be causing new strains of the disease to develop, and spreading the disease via vaccinated individuals;
  - measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine, i.e. failure to offer the option of antibody titre testing after the first dose to check if already immune; and consideration of early waning of maternally derived antibodies in vaccinated mothers and the implications;
  - introduction of chickenpox vaccine for a mild childhood disease, and impact on shingles;
  - Gardasil HPV vaccine, i.e. lack of informed consent for this fast-tracked, still experimental product; misleading information re effectiveness, i.e. cancer prevention; adverse events after HPV vaccination are emerging around the world, and the scientific/medical establishment is trying to suppress this matter, [see recent email to Irish Minister Finian McGrath re the HPV vaccination scandal](#).
  - annual flu vaccination, i.e. this repeated intervention is of questionable value (see for example Cochrane reviews on influenza vaccination);
  - other vaccine products also to be considered in light of above.
- Also see material relevant to vaccination policy and practice prepared by Dr Judy Wilyman, i.e. her PhD thesis: [A critical analysis of the Australian government's rationale for its vaccination policy](#) (2015), and her Master of Science thesis: [An analysis of the Federal government's pertussis immunisation policy](#) (2007). Coercive vaccination lobbyists have tried to censor Dr Wilyman's work in this area, with the support of the Murdoch media.

**Re Point No. 7, i.e. pursue a review to assess the impact of the 'No Jab, No Pay' law, including a review of the Federal Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee Hearing re the No Jab, No Pay bill (2 November 2015). The conduct of the Senate Committee hearing must be subjected to investigation, including examination of the orchestrated adversarial situation set up between the Australian Vaccination-skeptics Network, and the Stop the AVN (SAVN) and Friends of Science in Medicine coercive vaccination lobby groups.** It is astonishing that members of the vaccination bureaucracy, i.e. members of the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI), and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC), were not called upon to attend the Federal Senate Committee Hearing re the No Jab, No Pay bill, and account for the taxpayer-funded National Immunisation Program Schedule.

**About the author, Elizabeth Hart:** Elizabeth is an independent citizen investigating vaccination policy and practice, particularly the over-use of vaccine products. She has a BA degree majoring in politics and philosophy (University of Adelaide), and has experience in scientific literature searching. This background has assisted her in researching and challenging over-vaccination. She is particularly interested in the ethical aspects of over-vaccination, especially government-mandated vaccination. The potential conflicts of interest of academics working in the area of vaccine development and promotion, and the influence of these academics on government policy, needs to be examined. Elizabeth's interest in vaccination was initiated after discovering companion animals were being over-vaccinated every year, and needlessly being subjected to the risk of an adverse reaction to vaccination. This was reported in the consumer magazine *Choice* in 2010, i.e. [Over-vaccinating your pet could be harmful to their health as well as costing you money unnecessarily](#). See [Over-vaccination – a multi-billion dollar market](#) for more background.