

INQUIRY INTO TEACHER SHORTAGES IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

MY SUBMISSION IS STRONGLY BASED ON THE BELIEF THAT OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE. TO HAVE THEM AFFECTED BY A SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS IS PUTTING THEM AT A HIGH RISK OF NOT BEING GIVEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY FOR A GOOD EDUCATION.

I am a grandparent of a number of primary and secondary children and have a very close relationship with them all. During the last two years I have made the observation that Teachers are stressed, overworked and overwhelmed. I believe the Teacher shortage is due to the condition of employment that they be fully vaccinated. I ask why? Surely Teachers should be allowed to choose their vaccination status? My grandchildren have had Covid and have hardly shown symptoms. It was only due to their parents RAT testing them that they knew they had the virus. I don't believe they are at risk.

Many good Teachers have either left the profession or are sitting on their hands because of the condition of employment that Teachers must be fully vaccinated for Covid. It has been made public by the NSW Premier that mandates are no longer in force, but I am asking: Why is a condition of employment in force when it is the same as a mandate? Surely it should be a choice for Teachers to choose their vaccination status.

The reason some Teachers are refusing vaccination is because it is a trial - not a proven vaccine. Most are educated professionals who have researched the vaccine and decided against it or have been unwillingly forced to take it because of their personal circumstances. The vaccinated are still contracting and spreading Covid. What is the point? Who would risk the adverse reactions of the vaccine when we are hearing of unheard numbers of so many fit and healthy young people passing away with mysterious complications? Many of these have been top athletes. How do you explain the SADS, blood clots, shingles, strokes, cardiomyopathy - and even deaths? I have many affected friends and family who have been adversely affected. I FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT TEACHERS BEING EXPOSED TO THESE ADVERSE EFFECTS.

PLEASE! Lift the condition and let good quality Teachers return to work so that our future is filled with highly educated young adults. Give the children a chance for their best shot for a good education. I repeat: OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE.

Teacher shortages are a combination of overload in systems of data collections, dealing with behaviours, a reduction in rights and public's lack of respect to the industry. Mandates have caused a great deal of stress and are keeping people who love their job out of work and unable to support children.

Sincerely.