

INQUIRY INTO TEACHER SHORTAGES IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Dear Ministers of the inquiry,

I would like you to consider the damages sought to me and my family based on these workplace mandates.

My husband is a teacher of 20+ years. He has given his life to educating your children, and has sacrificed much of himself, and his family, for them.

During these last two years specifically, he has taken on a much larger workload to support the missing teachers due to a number of factors.

First and foremost the laying off of unvaccinated workers has crippled the already dwindling workforce of the teaching profession. Not only have we removed unvaccinated teachers from permanent positions making the lack of teachers incredibly relevant but this mandate has also laid part-time teachers and support staff that ease the burden on teachers from simple administration, to counselling, to special needs and classroom support.

Secondly, casual teachers or support staff brought in to stand in the stead of these teachers are nowhere to be found due to these mandates. The workload increase is not only due to taking on the workload usually left to other full-time teachers but on top of that he has no free periods to tackle any of that work, as he has taken on extra periods of work throughout the week due to this severe lack of casual assistance.

Finally, my husband would be writing this submission himself, but between his ever increasing workload and administrative duties, he is exhausted and is unable to spend any other time, other than working, eating and sleeping, barely enough to recover for work the next day. God forbid he gets sick or injured.

Regards