

No Jab No P(I)ay

For better or worse?

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Declaration of interest

PI on sponsored vaccine related studies for which Monash Health receives reimbursement- Merck, Pfizer, Seqiris, Novavax, MedImmune.

Prior DSMB for Seqiris for which Monash Health receives reimbursement

Plan

Legislation

Has it worked?

Down side?



No Jab No Pay



Law nationally 1st January 2016

All children up to 19 years of age partial or no recommended childhood immunisations will be recognised as unimmunised

Grace Period to 18th of March 2016

- (was extended due to delays of the transferring of vaccination records to ACIR)

All families of un-immunised children without a medical exemption will no longer receive:

- FTB-A end-of-year supplement,
- Child Care Benefit (CCB) and
- Child Care Rebate (CCR)

No Jab No Play (Vic)

Introduced 1 Jan 2016

UTD status when enrolling in all early childhood education and care services including childcare and kindergarten

February 28 2018 amended: only AIR statements accepted



Parents to lose payments for failing to vaccinate kids

<https://www.facebook.com/9News/videos/1632368290144335/>

Up to \$15,000 withheld per family

\$28 per fortnight: FTB-A end-of-year
supplement





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Interview on 2GB Mornings with Luke Grant

Transcript of Minister for Health, Greg Hunt's interview on 2GB Mornings with Luke Grant.

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The Hon Greg Hunt MP
Minister for Health



LUKE GRANT:

This is a great story. It's, I think, a victory of public policy. More than 140,000 parents have had their childcare payments axed after they failed to vaccinate their children.

The Federal Government has revealed the alarming number of irresponsible parents who are leaving their children unprotected against dangerous diseases: 142,793 parents who haven't immunised their kids, or had them immunised, rather, have now been cut off from receiving up to \$15,000 in childcare payments as part of the Government's No Jab, No Pay policy.

LUKE GRANT:

Good to talk to you, but concerning, isn't it? Even though we've flushed out some people who don't get it, but the fact that there's 142,793 that haven't pursued vaccination for kids under five, that is a real worry.

LUKE GRANT:

Yeah, okay, good as gold. All right, Greg, appreciate your time, have a great weekend, mate. Nice to talk.

GREG HUNT:

Take care. Cheers.

GREG HUNT:

And good morning, Luke.

GREG HUNT:

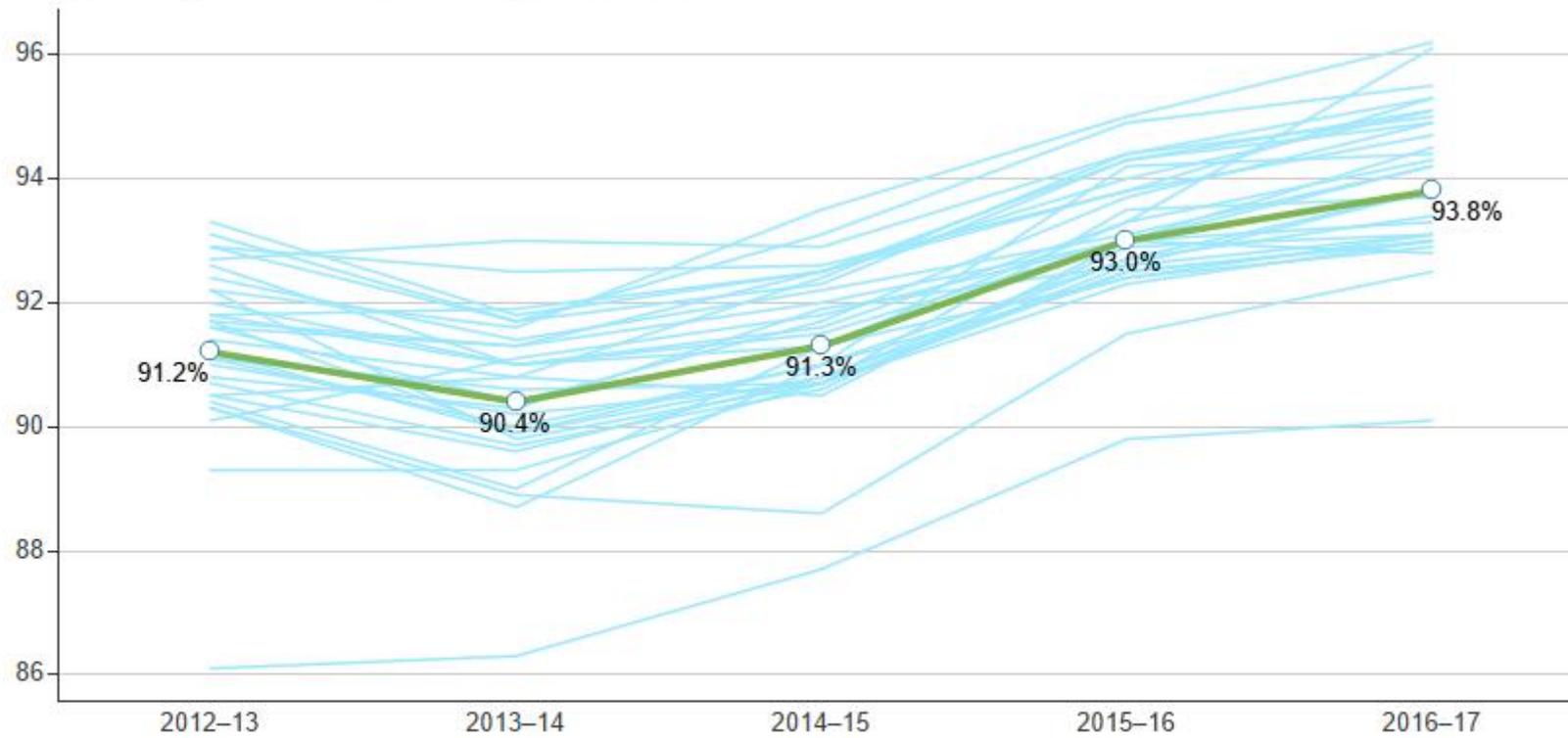
Yes, so, there's good and bad news here. The good news is that in just over a year the policy's led to almost 200,000 new kids being vaccinated and that means safety for those kids, but safety for all the other kids around them, particularly newborns, who might not have had vaccinations yet.

The bad news is that there are still some, as you say, over 140,000, who haven't done this. But around the country the vaccination rate has increased quite dramatically to over 93 per cent and, amongst those on family tax benefits and childcare benefits, to over 94.5 per cent.

<https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/interview-on-2gb-mornings-with-luke-grant>

Impact coverage Australia: 1yo UTD

Percentage of 1 year old children fully immunised



Select measure:

Immunisation for 1 year old children

Per cent

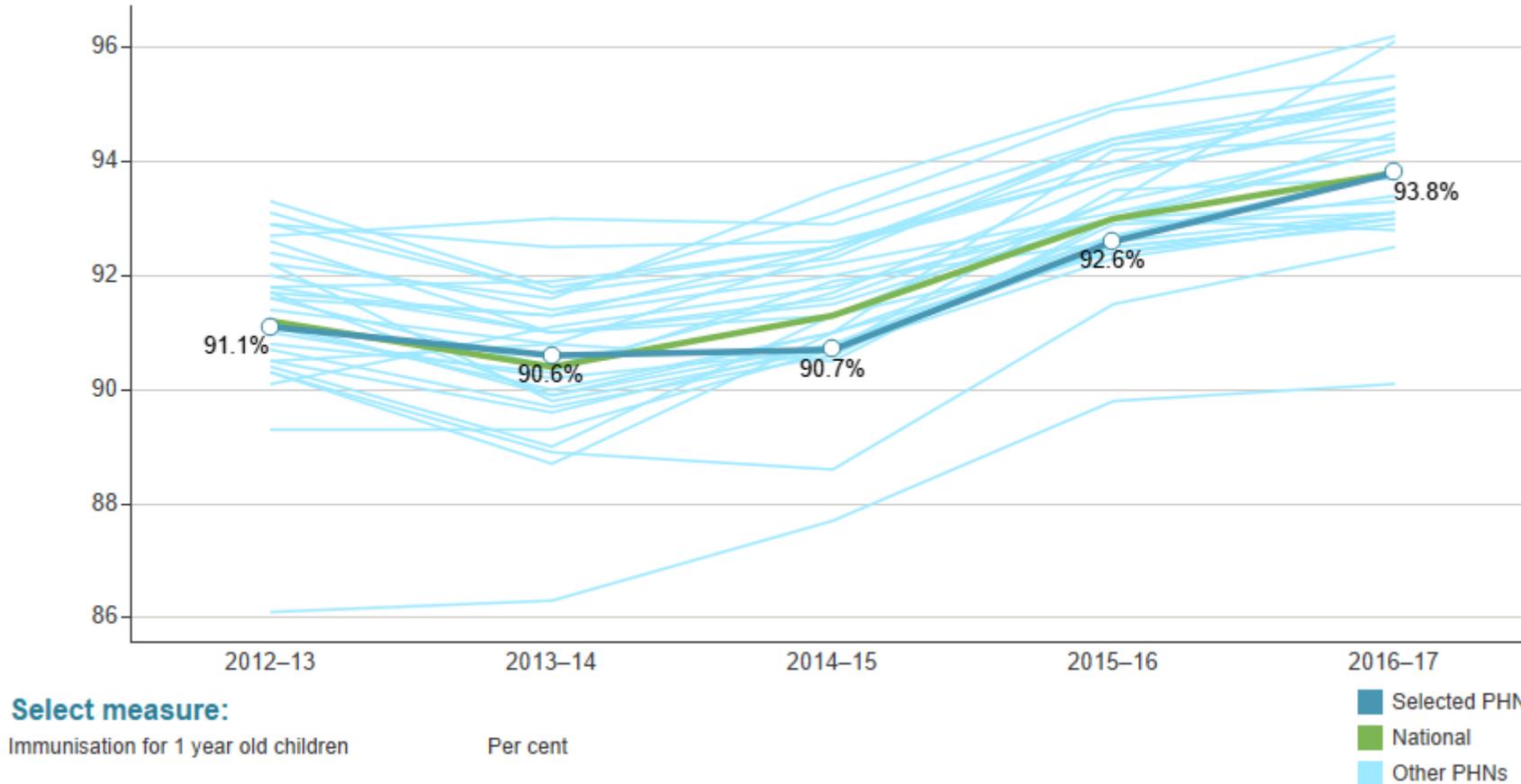
National

Other PHNs

Source: AIHW analysis of Department of Human Services, Australian Immunisation Register statistics (see dates of data extraction on the table of contents (TOC) tab) [Footnotes]

Impact coverage SE Melb: 1yo UTD

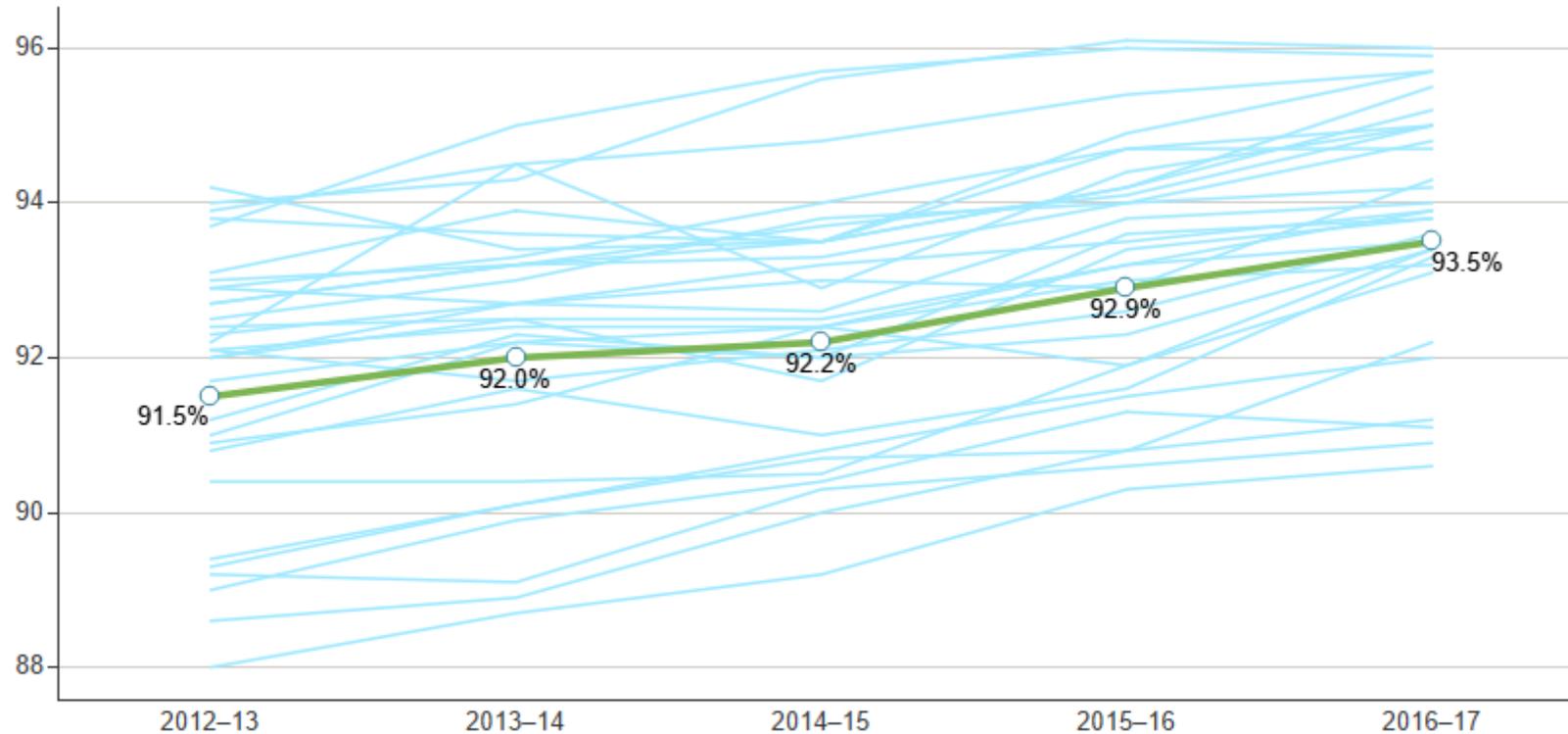
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Impact coverage Australia: 5yo UTD

Percentage of 5 year old children fully immunised



Select measure:

Immunisation for 5 year old children

Per cent

National

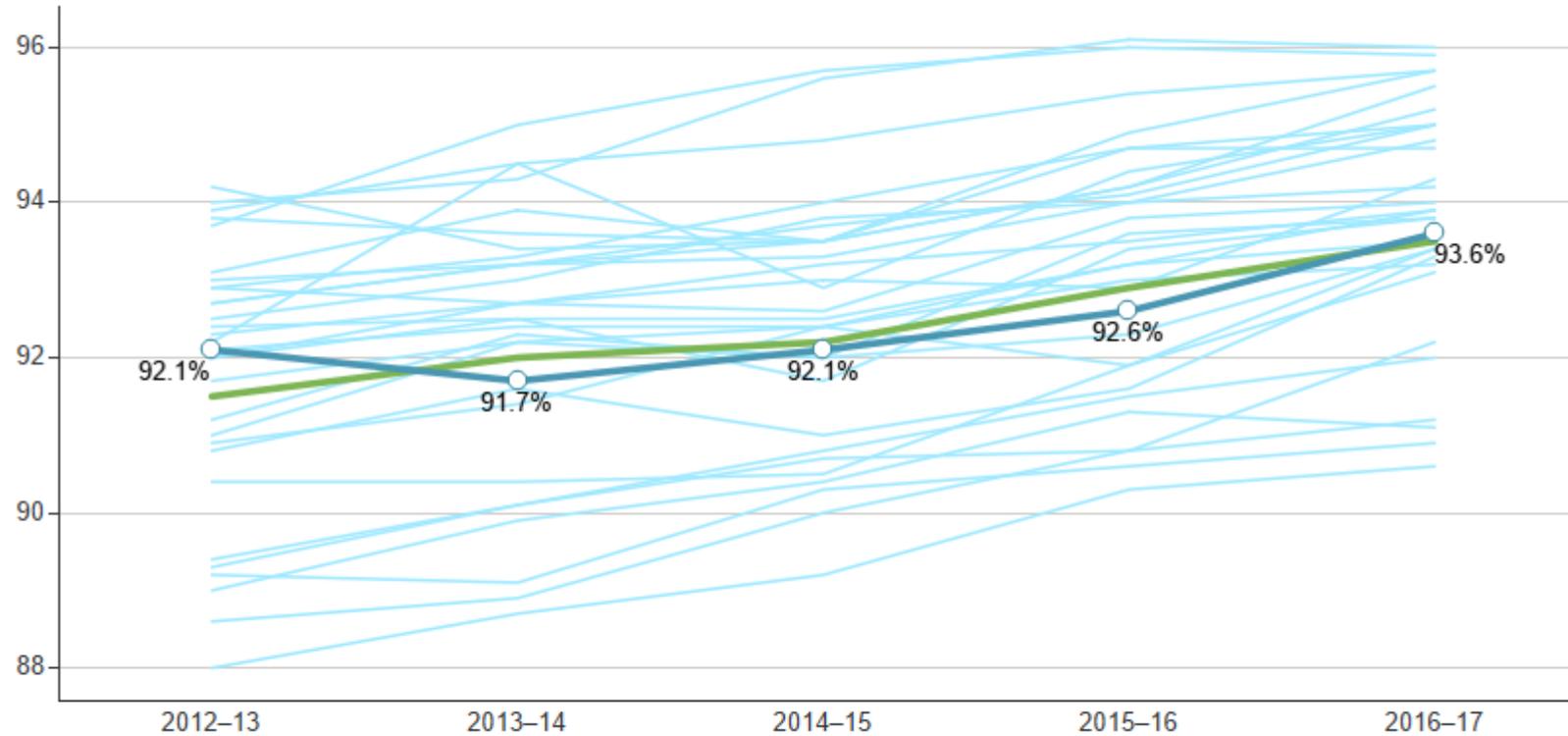
Other PHNs

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[Footnotes]

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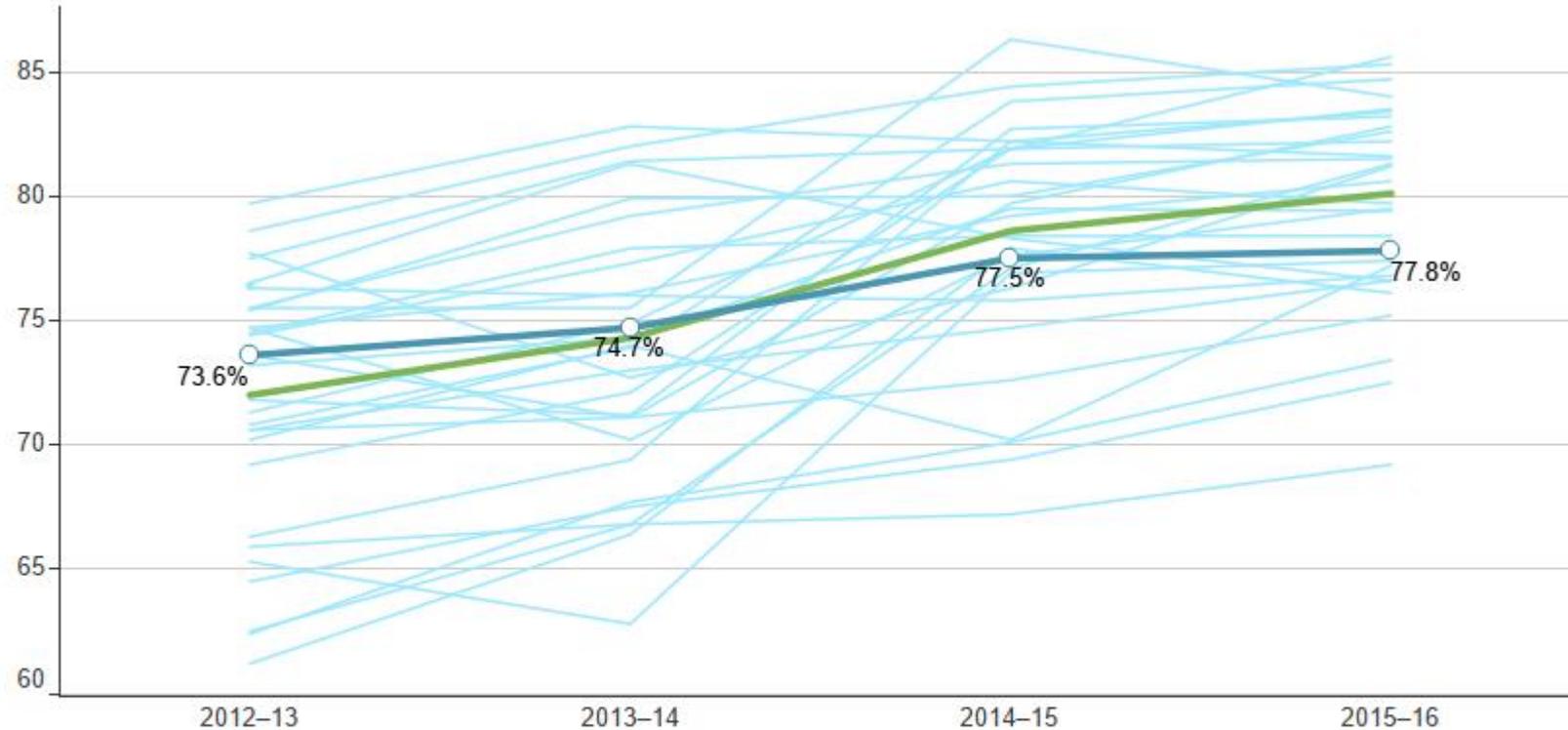
Immunisation for 5 year old children

Per cent

- Selected PHN
- National
- Other PHNs

Impact coverage SE Melb: all HPV girls

Percentage of girls who had received all three doses of HPV vaccine according to schedule



Select measure:

Girls who were fully immunised against HPV Per cent

- Selected PHN
- National
- Other PHNs

Source: National HPV Vaccination Program Register, data extracted 12 August 2017, and Australian Bureau of Statistics, Estimated Resident Population. [Footnotes]

Parental opinions: Australian Child Health Poll

2017 n=2000

- 74 per cent of parents believe they should be informed about the number of children not up-to-date with vaccines in their child's school, kindergarten or child care centre.
- Seven out of ten parents said that knowing the percentage of under-vaccinated children in a school or centre would influence their decision to send their child to that facility.
- **Nearly three quarters of parents across Australia support a 'No Jab, No Play' policy**, believing children who are not up-to-date with vaccines should be refused access to child care or kindergarten.
- Despite extensive research showing no causal link, one in ten parents believe that vaccines can cause autism, & a further 30% are unsure.



Parental opinions towards the “No Jab, No Pay” policy in Australia

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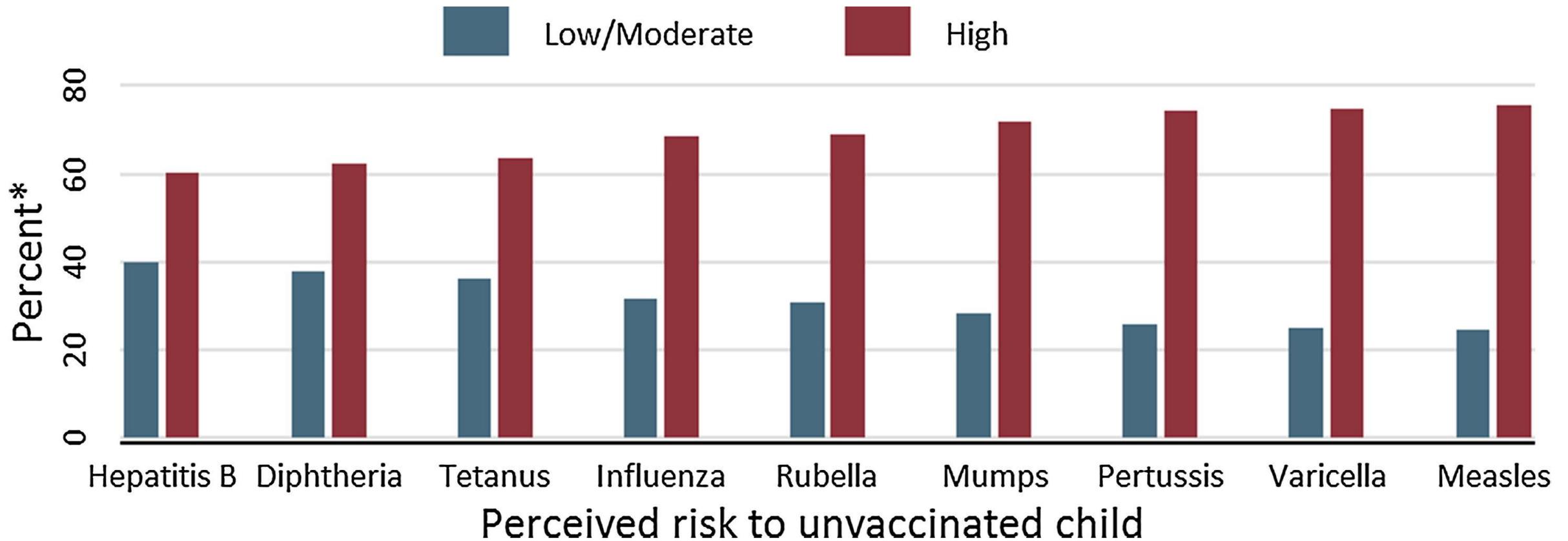
- Eighty-two percent of parents were in favour of “No Jab, No Pay.”
- The belief that VPD are a significant risk to unvaccinated children was a predictor of supporting the “No Jab, No Pay” policy (AOR = 5.95, 95% CI = [3.60, 10.94], $p < 0.001$).

Willing to reconsider vaccination after “No Jab No Pay” if previously hesitated or objected (N = 225)

- Parents that depend on the financial benefits policy (AOR = 9.66, 95% CI = [4.98, 18.72], $p < 0.001$)
- and parents that utilize child care services were significantly more likely to reconsider vaccination, if they previously hesitated or objected, because of the and AOR = 2.09, 95% CI = [1.04, 4.17], $p = 0.04$).

Parental perceptions of risk of vaccine-preventable diseases for unvaccinated children (N = 411).

Mallory *et al* Vaccine 2019





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The bill places pressure on providers to give unwarranted medical exemptions

Medical exemptions

Only eligible health professionals can use this form.

General practitioners / practice registrar on an approved
3GA training placement

Paediatrician

public health physician

infectious diseases physician

clinical immunologist.

6 The individual identified on this form has a:

- permanent** vaccine exemption due to medical contraindication because of the following:
 - previous anaphylaxis (to vaccine/vaccine component)
 - significant immunocompromise (live attenuated vaccines only)

OR

- temporary** vaccine exemption until
due to a non-permanent contraindication because of the following:
 - acute major medical illness
 - significant immunocompromise of short duration (live attenuated vaccines only)
 - the individual is pregnant (live attenuated vaccines only)

Bushfire warnings

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Melbourne doctors investigated for allegedly helping parents avoid vaccinating children

By [Karen Percy](#), [Jane Norman](#) and staff

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Open Access | Case report

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16k

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Citations

Medical exemptions: ?comprehensive

Causal other severe AEFI are rare, BUT:

The world is big

With many human genomes

Vaccine safety research still young

Some clinicians seemed to be very happy to give a LOT of exemptions

But we see occasional children **we** would not be comfortable rechallenging with some or any immunisations,

An alternate appeal pathway was needed

Letter to CMO

Designated (nominated) specialists may request exemption for what they believe are valid medical reasons

- Letter to CMO
- Explain justification

May be granted

Scorecard 2019?

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Changing
HCW-patient
dynamic?

Personal experience

Makes some (minority) of
consultations antagonistic

Clinicians seen as final barrier to
often much-needed \$ or child
care

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'We've just had enough': Healthcare workers threaten strike over patient assaults

By [Dana McCauley](#)

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Hospital staff are preparing to hit the NSW government with a state-wide strike, demanding action to make their workplaces safer after an increase in assaults by patients.

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