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Re: Misleading information - Brendan Murphy's interview with Leigh Sales, 3 February 2021

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Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 9:43 PM

To: david.anderson@abc.net.au

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For the attention of:

Mr David Anderson
ABC Managing Director

Mr Anderson, in my email of 26 February 2021, below, I brought it to your attention that **Professor Brendan Murphy, Australian Secretary of Health, lied to the Australian public during his interview with Leigh Sales on ABC 7.30 on 3 February 2021.**

Professor Murphy firmly asserted the Covid-19 vaccine products have 'full' TGA approval, when in fact they are **only provisionally approved.**

People being vaccinated in the current vaccine rollout are participating in a massive vaccine trial with the provisionally approved vaccine products. Health Minister Greg Hunt admitted this in his interview with David Speers on ABC Insiders on 21 February 2021, when he said **"The world is engaged in the largest clinical trial, the largest global vaccination trial ever..."**

Are the people being vaccinated giving their informed consent to participate in this experimental vaccine trial? Do the people being vaccinated know that the Morrison government has given the vaccine suppliers indemnity for 'inevitable' side effects, as reported in [The Sydney Morning Herald](#)?

The [ABC's Code of Practice 2019](#) states that the ABC belongs to the Australian people, and that **"Earning and retaining their trust is essential to fulfilling the ABC's charter and its responsibilities under the ABC Act to provide innovative and comprehensive services of a high standard to Australian and international audiences"**.

The ABC's Code of Practice notes **"The ABC has a statutory duty to ensure that the gathering and presentation of news and information is accurate according to the recognised standards of objective journalism. Credibility depends on factual accuracy...The ABC requires that reasonable efforts be made to ensure accuracy in all fact-based content"**.

Mr Anderson, the information provided on ABC 7.30 by Professor Brendan Murphy about the regulatory status of the Covid-19 vaccine products was grossly inaccurate and misleading, resulting in the Australian public being misinformed about an experimental medical intervention, i.e. Covid-19 vaccination, and this is obviously relevant to the Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccine products being rolled out now.

People in Australia are being misinformed about the regulatory status of the vaccine products, a matter which may have great bearing on their decision to be vaccinated, along with considering their personal risk with this virus which isn't serious for most people under the age of 70, and not necessarily a death sentence for those over 70.

I again request you take steps to address this misinformation, and for your response on this matter, see my original email to you below.

It's on the record I have brought this example of misleading information to your attention.

Sincerely

Elizabeth Hart

Independent citizen investigating the over-use of vaccine products and conflicts of interest in vaccination policy

On Fri, Feb 26, 2021 at 3:17 PM Elizabeth Hart <elizmhart@gmail.com> wrote:

For the attention of:

Mr David Anderson
ABC Managing Director

Dear Mr Anderson, during a recent interview with Leigh Sales on 7.30, **Australian Secretary of Health Professor Brendan Murphy relayed misleading information about the Covid-19 vaccine products to the Australian population, i.e. that these products have been fully approved by the TGA, when in fact they have only been provisionally approved.**

FYI, please see below my email to Professor Murphy with more details.

Mr Anderson, it's a serious matter that Australians have been misled by the taxpayer-funded ABC, what steps will you take to address this misinformation?

Sincerely

Elizabeth Hart

Independent person investigating the over-use of vaccine products and conflicts of interest in vaccination policy

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From: **Elizabeth Hart** <elizmhart@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 24, 2021 at 9:20 PM

Subject: COVID-19 vaccines are NOT fully approved by the TGA

To: <Brendan.Murphy@health.gov.au>

Cc: <covid19vaccinerfi@health.gov.au>, <christopher.blyth@uwa.edu.au>, Allen Cheng <Allen.Cheng@monash.edu>, <chief.scientist@chiefscientist.gov.au>, Marshall, Larry (Executive, Black Mountain) <larry.marshall@csiro.au>, <a.wilson@sydney.edu.au>, <sue.macleman@mtpconnect.org.au>, <mark.sullivan@medicinesdevelopment.com>, ATAGI Secretariat <atagi.secretariat@health.gov.au>, PBAC <pbac@health.gov.au>

For the attention of:

Professor Brendan Murphy

Secretary of the Australian Department of Health

Chair of the COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments for Australia - Science and Industry Technical Advisory Group

Professor Murphy

You recently assured Australians that the Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccine products have **"gone through the normal, full range of regulatory approvals for our vaccines...we have been able to do the full, safe, regulatory approval...we have not cut any corners"** and **"...we decided that to get the confidence of the people in Australia, because we had no community transmission, we were not going to do anything other than our full normal registration process"**, during an interview with Leigh Sales on the ABC's 7.30 program on 3 February 2021. (See copy of transcript attached.)

Your statements were in response to Leigh Sales' questions **"...what is your message to any Australian who might be legitimately worried thinking, "This has happened all pretty quickly. I'm sort of worried. Is it going to be safe to have a vaccine? What is your official advice on that?"** (My emphasis.)

Professor Murphy, I suggest your 'official advice' on this matter is misleading because **in fact both the Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccine products have only been given 'provisional' approval by the TGA. This has not been made clear to the Australian public.**

The TGA provisional approval statement for both the Pfizer COMIRNATY[1] and COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca[2] vaccine products states: (See copies attached.)

"Provisional approval of this vaccine is valid for two years and means it can now be legally supplied in Australia. The approval is subject to certain strict conditions, such as the requirement for (Pfizer/AstraZeneca) to continue providing information to the TGA on longer term efficacy and safety from ongoing clinical trials and post market assessment. (Pfizer COMIRNATY/COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca) has been shown to prevent COVID-19 however it is not yet known whether it prevents transmission or asymptomatic disease." (My emphasis.)

Professor Murphy, I again suggest you have misled Australians about the TGA approval for the Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccine products.

These vaccine products have **not** been fully approved, and it is **not** yet known whether they prevent transmission or asymptomatic disease.

The Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccine products are ***provisionally approved*** for two years, and the TGA will be relying on manufacturer supplied data to judge the longer term efficacy and safety from ongoing clinical trials and **post-market assessment**. 'Post-market assessment' indicates people being vaccinated in the community are now part of the clinical trials assessing these vaccine products - **are people being informed they are part of a vaccine clinical trial? Are these people giving their consent to being involved in a vaccine clinical trial with these *provisionally approved* vaccine products?**

It's on the record I have brought this matter to your attention Professor Murphy, as witnessed by other members of the COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments for Australia - Science and Industry Technical Advisory Group copied on this email.

This email will be forwarded to Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Health Minister Greg Hunt and other parties.

Sincerely

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References:

1. TGA provisionally approves Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. 25 January 2021.
2. TGA provisionally approves AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine. 16 February 2021.