
Doctor Mark Hobart suspended for issuing Covid-19 vaccination exemptions...but vaccination exemptions should not exist!

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For the attention of:

Mark Butler
Minister for Health and Aged Care
Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care

Mark Butler, **general practitioner Mark Hobart has been suspended by AHPRA since November 2021 for issuing Covid-19 vaccination exemption medical certificates.**

According to [the Supreme Court of Victoria document](#) linked to on the AHPRA website, Mark Hobart is suspended while the Medical Board of Australia:

completes investigations of a number of notifications received in relation to him. Many of those notifications relate to COVID-19 vaccination exemption medical certificates issued by Dr Hobart in 2020 and 2021, during the COVID-19 pandemic. There was also a concern that Dr Hobart may have been involved in publishing incorrect or misleading information about COVID-19 and the public health response to it.

Mark Butler this is an extraordinary situation! **Mark Hobart has been suspended for two years for giving exemptions for Covid-19 vaccination, when there shouldn't even be Covid-19 vaccination exemptions!**

Health practitioners are legally and ethically obligated to obtain voluntary informed consent before every Covid-19 vaccination, it's not within a practitioner's personal gift to 'grant' a vaccination exemption to anyone.

This is a bizarre situation. **Mark Hobart is being punished for issuing vaccination exemption medical certificates, but vaccination exemptions should not even exist!**

As [AHPRA confirmed to me in September 2021](#):

"Practitioners have an obligation to obtain informed consent for treatment, including vaccination. Informed consent is a person's *voluntary* decision about health care that is made with *knowledge and understanding of the benefits and risks involved*." (My emphasis.)

As [the Department of Health and Aged Care advised me in November 2022](#):

"Informed consent should be obtained for every COVID-19 vaccination, as per usual consent procedures for other vaccinations."

[The Australian Immunisation Handbook](#) states:

"Valid consent is the *voluntary agreement* by an individual to a proposed procedure, which is *given* after *sufficient, appropriate and reliable information about the procedure, including the potential risks and benefits*, has been conveyed to that individual." (My emphasis.)

As [stated](#) by the Australian Law Reform Commission, under common law:

"As part of their duty of care, health professionals must obtain 'informed consent' by providing such information as is necessary for the patient to give consent to treatment, including information on all material risks of the proposed treatment..." (My emphasis.)

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare [Fact Sheet for Clinicians on Informed consent in health care](#) acknowledges key principles for informed consent, including:

"...adults have the right to determine what will be done to their bodies and what healthcare treatments they will undergo."

and

"For there to be valid informed consent, the person consenting must... Have enough information about their condition, treatment options, the benefits and risks relevant to them, and alternative options for them to make an informed decision to consent. This includes the opportunity to ask questions and discuss concerns."

Again quoting the Australian Law Reform Commission:

"At common law, all competent adults can consent to and refuse medical treatment. If consent is not established, there may be legal consequences for health professionals".

Mark Butler, as I have asked you previously in the email thread below, **why should anyone have to obtain an exemption to not have a vaccination, given that they are supposed to be voluntarily giving their informed consent to this medical intervention, or opting to decline the intervention if they so choose?**

This is a most serious situation, with general practitioner Mark Hobart being suspended for two years on highly questionable grounds!

Six months have now elapsed since my original email to you on this matter on 17 May 2023, please see email thread below.

I request your urgent response.

Sincerely

Elizabeth Hart

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On Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 4:27 PM Elizabeth Hart <elizmhart@gmail.com> wrote:

For the attention of:

Mark Butler

Minister for Health and Aged Care

Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care

Mark Butler, re my email below asking **why should anyone have to obtain a COVID-19 exemption to not have a COVID-19 vaccination?**

This is an important matter of public interest, I request your urgent response to my email below.

Sincerely

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On Wed, May 17, 2023 at 3:24 PM Elizabeth Hart <elizmhart@gmail.com> wrote:

For the attention of:

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Minister for Health and Aged Care

Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care

Mark Butler, I've been advised by the Department of Health and Aged Care that:

"Informed consent should be obtained for every COVID-19 vaccination, as per usual consent procedures for other vaccinations."

As health practitioners are legally and ethically obligated to obtain voluntary informed consent before every COVID-19 vaccination, **why should anyone have to obtain a COVID-19 exemption to not have a COVID-19 vaccination?**

Who are the individual medical practitioners behind this Department of Health COVID-19 Vaccine exemptions information, which completely flouts the legal and ethical obligation for voluntary informed consent?

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"Valid consent is the **voluntary agreement** by an individual to a proposed procedure, which is **given** after **sufficient, appropriate and reliable information about the procedure, including the potential risks and benefits**, has been conveyed to that individual." (My emphasis.)

As [stated](#) by the Australian Law Reform Commission, under common law:

"As part of their duty of care, **health professionals must obtain 'informed consent' by providing such information as is necessary for the patient to give consent to treatment**, including information on all material risks of the proposed treatment..." (My emphasis.)

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare [Fact Sheet for Clinicians on Informed consent in health care](#) acknowledges key principles for informed consent, including:

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Again quoting the Australian Law Reform Commission: **"At common law, all competent adults can consent to and refuse medical treatment. If consent is not established, there may be legal consequences for health professionals"**.

Mark Butler, **why should anyone have to obtain an exemption to not have a vaccination, given that they are supposed to be voluntarily giving their informed consent to this medical intervention**, which may also include their choice to not have the intervention.

I look forward to your response on this matter, including disclosure of the identity of the individual medical practitioners behind the Department of Health [COVID-19 Vaccine exemptions](#) information.

Sincerely

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Documents cited also attached.