

**INQUIRY INTO TEACHER SHORTAGES IN NEW SOUTH
WALES**

Name: Name suppressed

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To whom it may concern,

I have been a full time primary school teacher employed by the Department of Education since 2015 until term 4 2021. I have a Masters of Teaching from University of Sydney and a BA Honours in Law. I am qualified and experienced. I am good at my job since I have been employed at the same school for 7 years full time.

The vaccine mandate and the way it was handled has destroyed my career and completely derailed my family life. I am no longer a teacher and I am no longer employed.

At the end of term 3 2021, I was suffering from the results of a botched medical procedure and the aftermath of the legal case which followed. My doctor and principal supported my application for extended sick leave for term 4 and my sick leave was approved until the Xmas holidays. I decided then not to vaccinate since I was convalescing at home and there was no need as I was not returning to work until 2022. I discussed my return to teaching duties with my principal as a vaccinated teacher in term 1 2022 and she supported my return.

At the start of November 2021, I contacted a senior investigator at DoE PES and told her my story as I did not want to get caught up in the mandate terminations by mistake. I was assured by her that I would not be terminated and that my sick leave would prevail.

Without being notified by anyone from the DoE and Edconnect, my employment contract was terminated on Nov 8 2021 and my sick leave was reversed. While believing I was on sick leave, I wrote a complete set of school reports for my class not knowing that I had been terminated. I spoke with my principal and planned my return to school and vaccination for Jan 2022, all the time believing my fortnightly pay was my sick leave whereas in fact, my pay was 4 weeks notice.

My pay stopped just before Xmas and it was only then I discovered I had been terminated from my teaching position without being informed. I spoke to the same senior investigator at PES and I cried. She was horrified that I had been terminated while on approved sick leave. She said this should not have happened. I spoke with a senior investigator at Edconnect who said that I was terminated due to my unvaccinated status. I pointed out that I was no threat to anyone as I was at home convalescing. She said it was not relevant and that I needed to be vaccinated even though I was not in my work place because my employer has made it a rule. This did not make any logical sense and so I will not be returning to teaching now unless the mandates lift.

I have also lost respect for the department of Education because of the quality of the people making these decisions. I have watched them lie to the public, the Senate Committee and State Parliament. Many of us have become victims of decisions made by ambitious bureaucrats and MPs and these consequences need to be made public. The community has a right to know what damage has been inflicted on devoted staff.

I have screen shots of emails and files to support my statements.

Yours faithfully