INQUIRY INTO TEACHER SHORTAGES IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I've been a teacher for over 12+ years and was in the peak of my career. I was working as a full time permanent primary school teacher all through 2020/2021 and regarded as an essential worker and even labeled a hero for continuing to work at the height of the pandemic/media hysteria. I was then terminated over the mandates as I'm not comfortable with the unknown long term safety of the jabs and also have a close friend who suffered a serious vaccine injury from the covid jabs. The school I worked at offered no other solution besides get jabbed or get sacked. I proposed ideas such as taking leave, doing a daily RAT test before work, wearing a mask, working only in ventilated spaces, not mingling with staff. and plenty of other options. Unfortunately none of these options were even considered.

* Did keeping unvaccinated staff out of schools stop the transmission?

* Why are we not seeing the 'science/study' behind transmission or these work health and safety decisions?

* Were the terminated staff consulted in the surveys?

*How is staff surveys (people's opinions) relevant to scientific reasoning?

* Mandates are for 2 jabs whilst many 'expert' have claimed that it offers no protection anymore? * Has there been a comprehensive risk assessment for the lost learning from these students due to these measures (Lockdowns, mask wearing, staff shortages, isolation periods, splitting classes, missing specialist lessons due to collapses)?

At my sons school there were over 6 teachers who were terminated for the same reasons. It's resulted in having young inexperienced teachers who are replacing them. A lot of which don't seem to be coping very well. There is at least 2 collapses a day and usually by specialist teachers. My child has only had 2 lessons this term of CAPA (Creative and performing arts) due to this regular occurrence. My child's class has had to be split/supervised more than 5 times this term.

The treatment of our essential workers/teachers has been appalling. The more concerning thing is our regard for our children who are suffering detrimental consequences due to these unscientific decisions. Shame on our leadership and decision makers across the education sector.

Kind regards,