

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

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I have been a dedicated early childhood educator for my entire working life and at the time of the implementation of vaccine mandates, was also a Rural and Remote Teaching Scholarship holder, completing my Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood & Primary) and working at a preschool attached to a primary school in rural NSW. The unethical vaccine mandate meant I was ousted from the education system and unable to work in any capacity in the field that I have trained and worked in since leaving High School.

Ironically, whilst many school staff worked from home during the pandemic, I was one of the staff members who remained onsite, working face to face with students, staff & parents, only to be discarded once onsite schooling recommenced. I have been unable to find employment at all since the vaccine mandates were introduced, despite seeing that the education workforce was suffering from staff shortages, and despite being a healthy and willing candidate. This has caused me financial and emotional harm, and to this day I am unable to locate any health advice or scientific evidence that suggests the vaccine mandate was ever justified.

The vaccine mandate has also prohibited me from continuing or completing my education degree as I have not been allowed to complete education placements due to the requirement to be vaccinated against Covid in order to step onsite school premises. This has cost me my scholarship, as a condition for it was to be both employed and making satisfactory course progression; not only has the government prevented me from being employed but they have ensured that my course progression has been at a standstill, despite the fact that I have finished all but one theory unit and have only practicums to go.

I am only one individual who had almost completed a teaching degree and was already employed in a school until the unethical vaccine mandate took that away; Covid hasn't destroyed my teaching career, the government has.