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

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I have suffered at the hands of the department I completed a valid medical contraindication form completed by a doctor that they asked for. Followed all the requirements of the department and met all their deadlines for my exemption to be denied with zero personal explanation. I have multiple correspondence too many to attach and would be happy to send them if further information is required.

I tried to contact everyone in the department from health and well-being, legal, COVID taskforce and never got replies. I received generic emails with no names signed off of them!

My school told me I was not allowed to come back to work until the DET had sorted out my case, which never happened. My contract with my school ended and my principal said that she was not allowed to send me a new contract until I was vaccinated. My school is already struggles to find staff, now because of mandates struggles constantly they have struggled even more. Besides my own mental health struggles and major financial issues because of not being able to work it has also caused me great guilt that I cannot help my colleagues and students all because I do not want a needle that has been proven to not be affective. I have felt great discrimination and at the begining of this journey I was singled out and it was made obvious of my private medical opinions because I was not allowed back to school so all my colleagues and parents new my choices this on it's own was a breach of privacy! Which is only one of the multiple breaches of privacy the DET participated in. The stress and isolation det has caused is unfair and disgusting.