

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

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The Department of Education since August last year with the implementation of these mandates have absolutely broken me. The mental and emotional struggles I went through having to choose between my own health choices and providing for my family were just absolutely horrific. The bullying and harassment from the “covid investigation team” made me develop anxiety, something I had never experienced in my life before.

I have been a permanent teacher with the department for 11 years. In those 11 years not once have I EVER been investigated for putting my students or colleagues at risk. And here I am suddenly the biggest risk to all. When asked the department for multiple times on risk assessments, would they be responsible if anything happened to me by taking this experimental vaccine, what evidence did they have with me not veing vaccinated was a risk. THERE WAS NEVER A RESPONSE! And all I got was “it’s the public health order”

Under the constant bullying, and harassment I caved to the pressure and for my doses because I was SO scared of losing my job. Since then I can say my body has not felt the same and my immunity has fallen drastically.

Now on top of all the stress. The pressure. The bullying. The lack of evidence. And the stress of a major teacher shortage I am back to the level of anxiety as I am now MANDATED to take a 3rd shot (as I work in special education). ON WHAT EVIDENCE! The DOE have no proof that I am now a risk for not getting a 3rd. They are just going to add to the extreme pressure of the support units and special schools. A sector that has been struggling to attract teachers for many years before all this. Now what is this going to do. Not only is our mainstream sector struggling. With not all teachers who were affected by these mandates returning. They are now ADDING extreme pressure to the disability sector.

The DOE have so much to answer for. If they have not stepped foot into a classroom over the last 5 years then they have NO idea what they are doing and how they have ruined our system. Teachers are leaving for a reason. Maybe they should reflect on that