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**INQUIRY INTO TEACHER SHORTAGES IN NEW SOUTH
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I'm employed by the Department of Education as an Assistant Principal, working with children with special needs. When Nov 8 came, I was devastated. "My job defines me!", I exclaimed to my partner. My world came crashing down. All because I chose freedom of autonomy over my body. I suffer from an auto-immune disease and take a biologic treatment for this. During November I was in the process of changing my biologic treatment to a different biologic because the first treatment stopped working. I didn't want to add an experimental vaccine to the mix. Because I chose not to participate in this experiment, I have suffered. I remember when the premier opened up the public swimming pools to everyone, only to shut out the unvaxxed a week later. I remember when people could get haircuts - except the unvaxxed. I remember going to KMart to collect an online order and waiting in the segregated queue while the vaxxed were herded in through a roped off area. Since being pushed into leave without pay my mental and physical health has suffered. I started seeing a psychologist. I found myself explaining to him so many times why I shouldn't have to take an experimental vaccine, discussing the evidence which shows the vaccines aren't effective, safe or necessary. Then came Pfizer's own admission that the vaccines have 9 pages worth of side effects. I'd see the look on his face change as he slowly began to realise that I wasn't a raving conspiracy theorist. In November last year I developed chest pain. I went to a cardiologist, walked, ran on the treadmill only to find out there was nothing wrong but with no explanation for the chest pain. Anxiety it turns out, not from diagnosis but from discussions with friends, Dr Google and my psychologist. I'm one of the fortunate few I guess. I had an investment property. Something I'd saved 14 years to get the deposit together. It gave me enough money to live off the past 8 months while I've been pushed aside, unable to work. I was fortunate to find some colleagues in the same position as me. My friend Deborah was pushed onto long service leave and then terminated by PES (investigators) who told her she had been terminated for misconduct. I was contacted by PES early in January. I told them that I was on a sabbatical and that I would take the vaccines before my return in July. I had to lie to try and get them to leave me alone. PES asked my Principal to give them my personal phone number and e-mail address. I told them I was going away and that I wouldn't have good internet/phone coverage. I had to lie, otherwise I'd have been fired like my friend Deb and the many hundreds of other teachers. Some who have been forced to live in their car. This has been a horrendous ordeal. I've been constantly under stress, have been depressed, my blood pressure went up to 170/110. In May I collapsed while at the local shops. An ambulance was called though when I recovered I felt fine enough to wait for my partner to collect me. I put this down to the stress related hyper tension. It is so cruel what the NSW Department of Education have done to teachers who refused the vaccine. The evidence has always been available to show the vaccines don't protect individuals from COVID or from spreading it either. The governments statistics show that over 90% of deaths with/from COVID are people vaccinated with one or more doses. The research shows people who aren't vaccinated who contract COVID develop natural immunity which is robust and long lasting. So why punish the unvaccinated for not complying? Is simply because we did not comply because the evidence is overwhelming. I've lost friends, my confidence, my health, hope for the future that I used to have. I loved my job and still want to return but I feel I won't have the same burning passion as I used to given how poorly my employer, the DOE has treated me and many thousands of others.