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INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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In addition to my previous submission I wanted to raise a concern I observe within my work as a doula. When mothers and babies feel lied to, harassed and violated in their maternity care they turn away from ALL parts of the health care system. The economic impact of this does not stop on leaving the postnatal ward.

Pregnant people had one of the lowest rates of covid vaccination despite being on of the highest risk groups.

Children don't get vaccinated according to the schedule leaving the door open for dangerous diseases to return.

Dental care doesn't happen because fluoride must be a scam to make someone money, just like the use of every supposedly necessary drug in birth was.

Emergency departments for sick kids are avoided until the very last minute because mothers know they'll need to use the bathroom or sit in the triage room they were sent to while they miscarried, and who says they'll be treated any better or given proper care this time anyway?

I've heard of mothers violated in birth go on to die after seeking "alternative cancer treatment" because they didn't trust the medical system.

It might seem irrational but I don't blame them at all - why would you trust one lot of doctors and nurses when another lot lied to your face, physically hurt, emotionally demoralised or even sexually assaulted you?

Why would you trust the health care system as a whole if these people get away with their conduct because review and complaint processes go absolutely nowhere, senior staff are essentially untouchable, and the statistics on interventions and trauma get worse year on year?

When we look at the economic impacts of birth trauma we need to look beyond the individuals to the broader society. An entire generation is being turned off trusting medical professionals. We will be paying for this for decades to come unless this ship is turned around ASAP.