

# STOP MERYL DOREY

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Investigating the claims of the misleadingly titled anti-vax group the 'Australian Vaccination Network', and it's president Meryl Dorey.

In July 2010, the New South Wales based [Health Care Complaints Commission](#) (HCCC) declared that the anti-vaccine group known as the [Australian Vaccination Network](#) (AVN) provides misleading and inaccurate information on the subject of vaccination. Included in their report was the following recommendation to the AVN.

The Australian Vaccination Network should include an appropriate statement in a prominent position on its website which states:

1. the Australian Vaccination Network's purpose is to provide information against vaccination in order to balance what it believes is the substantial amount of pro-vaccination information available elsewhere;
2. the information should not be read as medical advice and;
3. the decision about whether or not to vaccinate should be made in consultation with a health care provider.

### [Page 02, HCCC Report, July 2010](#)

The report is dated July 7th, 2010, and the AVN were given 14 days to implement the HCCC's recommendations. To this point, they have failed to do so. In addition, the president of the AVN, Meryl Dorey, has responded by claiming that neither she nor her organisation have ever provided medical advice, and therefore cannot be considered to be under the jurisdiction of the HCCC. You can read Meryl's complete response to the HCCC report [here](#).

This website was launched following the release of the HCCC's findings in an attempt to combat the dangerous misinformation and conspiracy theories being spread by the Meryl Dorey and the AVN. Stop Meryl Dorey is committed to providing honest and evidence based information. We welcome open and intelligent debate, and extend the right of reply to Meryl Dorey and members of the AVN regarding any of the information published on this website.

## [HCCC Issues Public Warning About The AVN](#)

July 28th, 2010

True to their word, the NSW based Health Care Complaints Commission have recently published a public warning on their website about the claims and practices of the Australian Vaccination Network. This comes after the AVN's failure to implement the HCCC's recommendations on their website. You can read the HCCC's warning [here](#).

As expected, AVN president Meryl Dorey has responded to this warning in a press release posted on the AVN blog, which you can read [here](#). In said post, titled 'AVN Vigorously Opposes HCCC Notice', Meryl again claims that her organisation is not under the jurisdiction of the HCCC, as it "is not considered to be either a healthcare provider or a health educator under the HCCC Act".

Readers are encouraged to read Section 7 of the 1993 Health Care Complaints Act, and make up their own mind as to whether they think the AVN should be considered to be under the jurisdiction of the HCCC:

(1) A complaint may be made under this Act concerning:

- (a) the professional conduct of a health practitioner (including any alleged breach by the health practitioner of Division 3 of Part 2A of the Public Health Act 1991 or of a code of conduct prescribed under section 10AM of that Act), or
- (b) a health service which affects the clinical management or care of an individual client.

(2) A complaint may be made against a health service provider.

(3) A complaint may be made against a health service provider even though, at the time the complaint is made, the health service provider is not qualified or entitled to provide the health service concerned.

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## [Pro Choice, Eh?](#)

July 23rd, 2010

Meryl Dorey goes out of her way to state that the AVN is not an anti-vaccine organisation, and that they are “pro-choice”. Fortunately, the Australian media are starting to call her out on this claim, but one need only look to the merchandise page on the AVN website to discover their true position on the issue of vaccination.

The following screenshot was taken from the AVN’s website on Friday, July 23, 2010 at just after 11am, and (providing it doesn’t get removed) you can view the actual page [here](#).



Pro choice. Yeah, sure Meryl.

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## HCCC Report

In July 2010, the Health Care Complaints Commission released the findings of their investigation into the Australian Vaccination Network. You can download the report by following the link below.



## Lateline Investigates AVN

The Australian Broadcasting Corporations 'Lateline' program recently aired a report about the HCCC investigation of the AVN. Watch it here.



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