

# Dave The Happy Singer

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## #StopAVN sends Meryl Dorey a message at Woodford: Vaccination Saves Lives



Meryl Dorey

Despite our **campaigning**, the spineless dolts at the **Woodford Folk Festival** are this afternoon hosting **Meryl Dorey** of the **Australian Vaccination Network**.

Were it not for the success of Stop The AVN, our Facebook collective of citizens, skeptics, scientists and medics, Meryl would now be giving a talk entitled 'Autism Emergency, 1 child in 38', in which she rambles on about her half-baked misunderstandings of **a particular South Korean study**. Dorey, of course, has no medical qualifications whatsoever and has demonstrated many times that she is incapable of grasping even basic high-school science and statistics. So **we stopped that**.

We even had a statement from the Queensland Minister for Health, Geoff Wilson, decrying Dorey's 'nonsense'.

Now Dorey is taking part in a 'forum', along with actual experts who are more or less familiar with *reality*.

**Not good enough, Woodford.** The more people think Dorey's viewpoints are a legitimate alternative to well established science, the more caring parents will misjudge the benefits of vaccinations versus the risk. That *informed choice* mad Meryl so worships will become a *badly informed choice*.

It's not about censorship, and **it's not about free speech**. Bill Hauritz, Woodford's cowardly lion, should be ashamed.

### **Vaccinations Save Lives: the plane-towed banner at Woodford**

But Stop The AVN is having the last laugh. As Meryl Dorey takes the stage for her watered-down,

expert-infested forum on vaccination (what does that have to do with autism, Meryl?), Stop AVN is launching a new campaign.

And as the decent folk at the Woodford Folk Festival look to the sunny Queensland skies, a banner towed by a light aircraft will broadcast our simple message: **Vaccination Saves Lives**. A bold, positive message, costing less than 1% of the annual revenue of Dorey's anti-vaccination media business and paid for by grassroots Stop AVN members personally.

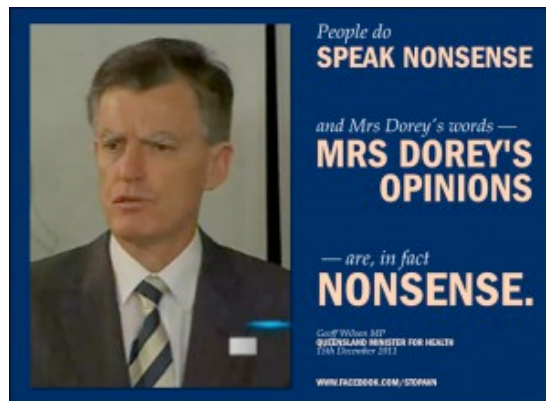
With extensive blogosphere coverage, a social media push, a fresh, positive brand and possible mainstream media coverage, with **Vaccination Saves Lives** hope to counter Woodford's life-threatening cowardice.

If you have a blog, you can help us too! Write about the campaign, and use [our blog-post banners and sidebar badges](#). It's easy!

As Australia faces the resurgence of vaccine-preventable diseases, it is vital that we increase our vaccination rates. In particular, the rate of adult booster jabs needs to pick up. While all rational parents understand that children must be vaccinated, many of us overlook the *adult* vaccinations we need to prevent the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases in the community.

See your doctor. Get your boosters up to date. Stop The AVN.

**Vaccinations Save Lives.**



Queensland Minister for Health Geoff Wilson

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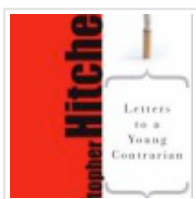
Meryl's noticed.



And here's the plane:



### More skeptical fun:



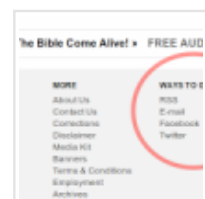
To Christopher Hitchens,  
from a young contrarian



Infertile couples mustn't  
marry!



SU QLD chaplain invites John  
Mackay to school. Here's  
what he thinks about gay  
people.



Meanwhile, over at The  
Christian Post...

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