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**Parents get on board to stop anti-vax campaigner Sherri Tenpenny**

The Parenthood has today launched their campaign urging new Immigration Minister Peter Dutton to stop anti-vaccination campaigner Sherri Tenpenny from spreading her deadly anti-vaccination message across Australia.

Dr. Tenpenny is due to arrive in Australia at the end of February to host a series of seminars encouraging parents not to vaccinate their children.

Executive Director of The Parenthood Jo Briskey said it is imperative that Dr. Tenpenny be prevented from encouraging Australian parents to believe childhood vaccinations are in anyway unsafe.

“To mislead parents into thinking it is unsafe to vaccinate their child is not just completely irresponsible, it poses a significant public health risk and must be stopped.

“Last year the Government helped to get rid of ‘pick-up’ artist Julien Blanc preventing him from spreading his derogatory message against women so there’s no reason something like this can’t be done again to stop the spread of an anti-vaccination message that has the potential to end young lives.

“Parents are being fed misinformation and lies from anti-vax campaigners like Dr. Tenpenny and as a result we are seeing some of the worst whooping cough and measles outbreaks in recent years.

“This is a serious public health risk and it’s fair to say that children’s lives are in danger.”

Ms Briskey said it is important to parents and the general health of all Australians that vaccination naysayers are stamped out as soon as possible.

“Right now, there are 75,002 Australian children aged five and under who aren’t fully immunised. One in five of those, or 14,869 children, are of parents who object to childhood vaccinations.

It’s hugely concerning that Australian immunisation rates for measles place us well below many far less-developed nations, including Botswana, Cuba, Thailand and Zimbabwe. And given we have the highest incidence rate of whooping cough of all developed OECD countries, it’s time for the government to act.”

Parents can sign the petition and send Immigration Minister Peter Dutton an email by visiting [www.theparenthood.org.au/campaign/stoptenpenny](http://www.theparenthood.org.au/campaign/stoptenpenny)

The Parenthood is Australia’s largest national movement of parents with more than 22,000 members. It is a voice for all parents in business and government and aims to get better outcomes for children.

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