

The Skeptic Zone  
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Dr. Meredith Doig

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00:00:22,970 --> 00:00:09,080  
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:30,140 --> 00:00:25,769  
hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

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00:00:33,390 --> 00:00:30,150  
episode number 396 for the 22nd of may

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00:00:35,549 --> 00:00:33,400  
2016 Richard Saunders here with you from

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00:00:37,619 --> 00:00:35,559  
Sydney Australia and what a bumper

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00:00:41,490 --> 00:00:37,629  
edition of the skeptic zone we have for

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00:00:43,200 --> 00:00:41,500  
you this week three really interesting

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00:00:45,360 --> 00:00:43,210  
reports I'm sure you'll agree we're

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00:00:49,200 --> 00:00:45,370  
going to kick off with an interview with

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00:00:51,240 --> 00:00:49,210  
the Australian sex party oh yes dr.

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00:00:53,760 --> 00:00:51,250  
Meredith Doig from the Australian sex

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00:00:56,700 --> 00:00:53,770  
party now normally the skeptic zone sort

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00:00:58,410 --> 00:00:56,710

of steers clear of politics but in this

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case we're going to make a big exception

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because the Australian sex party put out

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a rather good well crafted and quite

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devastating media release a reply to

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merrill dory of the australian

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vaccinations skeptics network so we'll

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00:01:17,520 --> 00:01:15,880

be chatting to Meredith doig dr.

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Meredith doig from the Estonian sex

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party all about that and their policies

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in general which appear to me to be

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rather based in science and evidence

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following that it's the return of dr.

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00:01:35,370 --> 00:01:31,959  
Richie dr. ray cheer apports who will be

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00:01:37,650 --> 00:01:35,380  
reporting on supplements now these are

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00:01:40,710 --> 00:01:37,660  
the sort of things you can buy in most

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00:01:44,580 --> 00:01:40,720  
pharmacies in Australia and other

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00:01:46,320 --> 00:01:44,590  
countries to fish oils and the vitamin

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00:01:48,779 --> 00:01:46,330  
supplements and all this sort of stuff

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00:01:51,389 --> 00:01:48,789  
and as you'll discover with dr. Reggie

33  
00:01:54,150 --> 00:01:51,399  
just because they're on the shelves of a

34  
00:01:56,309 --> 00:01:54,160  
pharmacy doesn't necessarily mean you

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00:01:58,620 --> 00:01:56,319  
can trust them then to round off the

36  
00:02:01,050 --> 00:01:58,630  
show it's the raw skeptic report Heidi

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00:02:04,589 --> 00:02:01,060  
Robertson with a very interesting and

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00:02:07,949 --> 00:02:04,599

detailed report looking into the what

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00:02:10,529 --> 00:02:07,959

shall we say the rash of chiropractors

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entering hospitals to manipulate the

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00:02:17,280 --> 00:02:14,730

spines of newborn babies crazy but true

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00:02:19,170 --> 00:02:17,290

so this is one of those episodes of the

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00:02:22,610 --> 00:02:19,180

skeptic zone where I would like you to

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00:02:26,760 --> 00:02:22,620

tell your friends relatives enemies

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00:02:29,070 --> 00:02:26,770

anybody now in the past week I think I'm

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00:02:31,860 --> 00:02:29,080

still sort of coming down from this I

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00:02:35,820 --> 00:02:31,870

went to see I went to see our reporter

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00:02:39,660 --> 00:02:35,830

Maynard and the mad club this is when

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00:02:42,690 --> 00:02:39,670

may nod turns into a DJ and if you go to

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00:02:45,509 --> 00:02:42,700

the skeptic zone facebook page or the

51  
00:02:47,850 --> 00:02:45,519  
notes for this week's episode you see a

52  
00:02:50,910 --> 00:02:47,860  
little video i made of DJ may not in

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00:02:53,280 --> 00:02:50,920  
action with the mad club goodness me if

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00:02:55,380 --> 00:02:53,290  
we could hook Maynard up to the national

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00:02:57,479 --> 00:02:55,390  
grid I don't think this country would

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00:03:00,479 --> 00:02:57,489  
have any energy problems what a

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00:03:03,390 --> 00:03:00,489  
performer what a performer Maynard calm

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00:03:05,280 --> 00:03:03,400  
today you to find out more but he was

59  
00:03:07,319 --> 00:03:05,290  
simply one of the best DJs I've seen

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00:03:10,140 --> 00:03:07,329  
live in action it's really the first

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00:03:12,720 --> 00:03:10,150  
time I've really seen may not do the DJ

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00:03:14,610 --> 00:03:12,730  
work for the big crowd at a nightclub it

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00:03:17,970 --> 00:03:14,620

was fantastic and don't forget you can

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00:03:20,490 --> 00:03:17,980

see me talk on saturday Saturday in the

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00:03:22,559 --> 00:03:20,500

blue mountains at Paracon i'll be giving

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00:03:25,199 --> 00:03:22,569

a talk about the million-dollar

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00:03:27,449 --> 00:03:25,209

challenge in the \$100,000 challenge here

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00:03:29,610 --> 00:03:27,459

in this country for anybody who can

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00:03:32,699 --> 00:03:29,620

prove any hara normal or supernatural

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00:03:35,819 --> 00:03:32,709

ability I just check out the website on

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00:03:37,199 --> 00:03:35,829

google perricone australia and also on

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00:03:38,879 --> 00:03:37,209

the fourth of june the australian

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00:03:40,920 --> 00:03:38,889

skeptics are having a dinner meeting

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00:03:44,539 --> 00:03:40,930

here in sydney and you can find out more

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at skeptics Comte you we've have a

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00:03:48,720 --> 00:03:47,049

somebody claiming to be psychic I think

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00:03:51,750 --> 00:03:48,730

coming along and then i'll be talking

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00:03:54,089 --> 00:03:51,760

about her the trick some of the psychic

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00:03:56,009 --> 00:03:54,099

tricks of the trade should be a very

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00:03:57,690 --> 00:03:56,019

interesting night but now it's time for

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00:04:00,750 --> 00:03:57,700

me to run downstairs and make sure those

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00:04:04,830 --> 00:04:00,760

two skeptics own cats Henrietta and

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00:04:09,470 --> 00:04:04,840

would have their dinner what will it be

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00:04:12,750 --> 00:04:09,480

tonight hmm tuna in gravy maybe or maybe

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00:04:14,309 --> 00:04:12,760

some dry kibbles I don't know I'm going

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00:04:16,589 --> 00:04:14,319

to run downstairs and make sure they're

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00:04:37,290 --> 00:04:16,599

okay while I'm doing that I hope you

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00:04:44,680 --> 00:04:41,439

and joining me now from Melbourne is the

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00:04:46,960 --> 00:04:44,690

lead Senate candidate for Victoria for

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00:04:49,330 --> 00:04:46,970

the Australian sex party dr. Meredith

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00:04:51,820 --> 00:04:49,340

joy hello Meredith I Richard how are you

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00:04:54,159 --> 00:04:51,830

I'm pretty well I'm doing really well

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00:04:55,960 --> 00:04:54,169

I'm very pleased to talk with you we do

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00:04:57,510 --> 00:04:55,970

know each other we have bumped into each

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00:05:01,809 --> 00:04:57,520

other from time to time and various

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00:05:04,089 --> 00:05:01,819

skeptical rational sort of events over

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00:05:05,950 --> 00:05:04,099

the years that's right and the

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00:05:07,300 --> 00:05:05,960

Australian sex party has been on the

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00:05:09,490 --> 00:05:07,310

skeptic zone before it was my pleasure

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00:05:11,409 --> 00:05:09,500

oh eight years ago to interview Fiona

101  
00:05:15,339 --> 00:05:11,419  
Patten when the the whole thing was was

102  
00:05:16,779 --> 00:05:15,349  
very new before we get into the reason

103  
00:05:18,070 --> 00:05:16,789  
we're chatting can you tell our

104  
00:05:20,649 --> 00:05:18,080  
listeners a little bit about the

105  
00:05:23,800 --> 00:05:20,659  
Australian sex party I mean what a title

106  
00:05:26,170 --> 00:05:23,810  
for a party huh well it's a bit of a

107  
00:05:28,570 --> 00:05:26,180  
two-edged sword actually a lot of people

108  
00:05:31,480 --> 00:05:28,580  
find it a bit confronting the name

109  
00:05:33,730 --> 00:05:31,490  
people I speak to sort of say I've got

110  
00:05:36,580 --> 00:05:33,740  
to change the name change name but then

111  
00:05:39,040 --> 00:05:36,590  
on the other hand it gets us noticed and

112  
00:05:40,510 --> 00:05:39,050  
the origin of the name was that Fiona

113  
00:05:42,730 --> 00:05:40,520

and her partner Robbie who were the

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00:05:46,060 --> 00:05:42,740

founders of the Australian sex party

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00:05:50,110 --> 00:05:46,070

used to work with Don chip in Canberra

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00:05:52,270 --> 00:05:50,120

Don chip the famous found a rebel from

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00:05:55,180 --> 00:05:52,280

the Liberal Party and founder of the

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00:05:57,550 --> 00:05:55,190

Australian Democrats right when Fiona

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00:06:01,420 --> 00:05:57,560

and Robbie were thinking of setting up a

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00:06:02,649 --> 00:06:01,430

political party his advice was well for

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00:06:08,110 --> 00:06:02,659

heaven's sake call it something

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00:06:10,809 --> 00:06:08,120

memorable and so they did so whether or

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00:06:12,700 --> 00:06:10,819

not you know we might morph the name

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00:06:14,290 --> 00:06:12,710

into something else in the future it's a

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00:06:17,200 --> 00:06:14,300

bit of an open question but I encourage

126  
00:06:21,640 --> 00:06:17,210  
anybody who's listening to this to send

127  
00:06:22,899 --> 00:06:21,650  
us in ideas for a better name there you

128  
00:06:24,189 --> 00:06:22,909  
go there's a challenge there's a

129  
00:06:25,899 --> 00:06:24,199  
challenge it's hard to think of a better

130  
00:06:30,730 --> 00:06:25,909  
name actually come and join the sex

131  
00:06:32,560 --> 00:06:30,740  
party yes it just briefly the website

132  
00:06:36,110 --> 00:06:32,570  
dough and we'll refer to this soon is

133  
00:06:39,590 --> 00:06:36,120  
that sex party org dot a you

134  
00:06:41,210 --> 00:06:39,600  
but the reason it says what listeners

135  
00:06:43,189 --> 00:06:41,220  
might know i mean the skeptic sound

136  
00:06:44,480 --> 00:06:43,199  
really doesn't dabble too much into

137  
00:06:46,939 --> 00:06:44,490  
politics we'll leave that for other

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00:06:49,370 --> 00:06:46,949

people to look at them who to vote for

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00:06:51,170 --> 00:06:49,380

one way or the other but we're happy to

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00:06:55,189 --> 00:06:51,180

give you a chance to have a chat with us

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00:06:57,770 --> 00:06:55,199

because just recently we saw the sex

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00:06:59,840 --> 00:06:57,780

party put up a reply to merrill dory of

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00:07:01,939 --> 00:06:59,850

the australian vaccination skeptics

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00:07:04,520 --> 00:07:01,949

network and for the benefit of our

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00:07:07,550 --> 00:07:04,530

listeners will just play that or read

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00:07:14,300 --> 00:07:07,560

that press release out now published at

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00:07:16,870 --> 00:07:14,310

ww sex party orgy you ASX p australian

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00:07:20,029 --> 00:07:16,880

sex party responds to vaccination

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00:07:22,460 --> 00:07:20,039

skeptics the australian sex party was

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00:07:25,159 --> 00:07:22,470

contacted by notorious anti-vaccination

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00:07:27,740 --> 00:07:25,169  
campaigner and science denier merrill

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00:07:32,110 --> 00:07:27,750  
dory asking for our position on quote

153  
00:07:34,670 --> 00:07:32,120  
both know jab no pay / no play

154  
00:07:36,680 --> 00:07:34,680  
legislation and the right of australian

155  
00:07:39,200 --> 00:07:36,690  
citizens to make free and informed

156  
00:07:41,120 --> 00:07:39,210  
health choices for their families

157  
00:07:43,969 --> 00:07:41,130  
without financial penalties or

158  
00:07:47,300 --> 00:07:43,979  
discrimination then quote here is our

159  
00:07:49,400 --> 00:07:47,310  
response DM is dori i am pleased to

160  
00:07:52,219 --> 00:07:49,410  
respond on behalf of the australian sex

161  
00:07:54,620 --> 00:07:52,229  
party to your request for information on

162  
00:07:57,290 --> 00:07:54,630  
our position on vaccination issues i'd

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00:08:00,560 --> 00:07:57,300

like to request that my response be

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00:08:03,950 --> 00:08:00,570

published in full and unedited on both

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00:08:07,250 --> 00:08:03,960

your website and social media please do

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00:08:09,110 --> 00:08:07,260

share it widely the Australian Sex Party

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00:08:11,600 --> 00:08:09,120

believes in individual liberty and the

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00:08:14,439 --> 00:08:11,610

freedom to make choices regarding your

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00:08:16,700 --> 00:08:14,449

own life with this freedom however comes

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00:08:18,890 --> 00:08:16,710

responsibility as members of our

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00:08:21,650 --> 00:08:18,900

community and beneficiaries of the

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00:08:23,480 --> 00:08:21,660

privileges provided by the community we

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00:08:25,969 --> 00:08:23,490

have an obligation to ensure that

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00:08:30,529 --> 00:08:25,979

exercising our freedom does not put

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00:08:33,469 --> 00:08:30,539

others at undue risk no job no pay the

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00:08:35,779 --> 00:08:33,479

federal government's no job no pay

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00:08:38,089 --> 00:08:35,789

measures aim to reduce the spread of

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00:08:40,940 --> 00:08:38,099

preventable diseases knowingly and

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00:08:43,459 --> 00:08:40,950

willingly putting one's child and others

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at risk of dangerous and preventable

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00:08:50,150 --> 00:08:47,450

diseases is irresponsible reckless and

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00:08:52,670 --> 00:08:50,160

anti-social the Australian

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sex party does not believe that those

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who choose not to participate in our

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collective enterprise of disease

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prevention should be rewarded with tax

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benefits or rebates in Australia parents

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are not forced to vaccinate their

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children those who contribute to the

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broader communities health by

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vaccinating their children or have

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genuine medical exemptions receive a

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contribution from the community in the

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form of F T be a in the VA supplement

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childcare benefit and childcare rebate

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payments the Australian sex party

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00:09:32,689 --> 00:09:27,870

supports this public health measure no

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job no play victoria's no job no play

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laws were introduced to protect public

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health the Australian sex party believes

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that if a parent wishes to use our

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community's early childhood education

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and care services they should be

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00:09:49,879 --> 00:09:47,670  
expected to play their part in

205  
00:09:52,309 --> 00:09:49,889  
protecting the community from

206  
00:09:54,319 --> 00:09:52,319  
preventable diseases those who choose to

207  
00:09:56,540 --> 00:09:54,329  
endanger the health of others by not

208  
00:09:58,850 --> 00:09:56,550  
vaccinating their children should not be

209  
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welcome to do so in an early childhood

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00:10:03,230 --> 00:10:01,709  
care setting the right of Australian

211  
00:10:05,329 --> 00:10:03,240  
citizens to make free and informed

212  
00:10:07,550 --> 00:10:05,339  
health choices for their families

213  
00:10:10,160 --> 00:10:07,560

without financial penalty or

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discrimination the Australian sex party

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supports the right of Australian

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00:10:16,460 --> 00:10:14,370

citizens and others to make free and

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00:10:18,800 --> 00:10:16,470

informed health choices for their

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families the party does not however

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00:10:23,740 --> 00:10:21,540

believe that going against the best

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00:10:27,079 --> 00:10:23,750

scientific information available

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00:10:29,179 --> 00:10:27,089

represents an informed health choice the

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anti-vaccination movement encourages

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parents to quote do your own research

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end quote however doing quote research

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00:10:40,429 --> 00:10:38,160

end quote by reading web pages is not

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00:10:42,949 --> 00:10:40,439  
comparable to actual research done by

227  
00:10:45,139 --> 00:10:42,959  
scientists who work hard to protect us

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00:10:47,900 --> 00:10:45,149  
all from dangerous and debilitating

229  
00:10:50,360 --> 00:10:47,910  
disease the Australian sex party rejects

230  
00:10:52,340 --> 00:10:50,370  
the insinuation that expecting all

231  
00:10:55,790 --> 00:10:52,350  
parents to participate in preventing

232  
00:10:58,370 --> 00:10:55,800  
diseases is a form of discrimination the

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00:11:00,949 --> 00:10:58,380  
safety and efficacy of vaccination is

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00:11:02,900 --> 00:11:00,959  
not an area of scientific controversy

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00:11:03,680 --> 00:11:02,910  
the claim that governments and

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00:11:06,140 --> 00:11:03,690  
scientists

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00:11:08,920 --> 00:11:06,150  
all conspiring to mislead us for some

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00:11:11,300 --> 00:11:08,930

nefarious purpose is absurd and

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irresponsible the dangers of

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complications from vaccines are much

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lower than the dangers posed by

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childhood diseases such as measles the

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claims of the anti-vaccination movement

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have been thoroughly debunked choosing

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not to vaccinate your children amounts

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to medical neglect this is a serious

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ethical issue whilst it can be tempting

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to imagine that we parents have access

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to some special kind of knowledge that

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somehow eludes the scientific community

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it's just not so we at the Australian

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sex party would like to encourage

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parents who are questioning what's right

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00:11:51,290 --> 00:11:49,710  
for their children to follow the advice

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00:11:54,070 --> 00:11:51,300  
of the scientific and medical

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communities rather than charlatans and

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00:12:00,380 --> 00:11:57,630  
conspiracy theorists regards Darren

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00:12:04,010 --> 00:12:00,390  
Austin senior policy advisor Australian

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00:12:06,380 --> 00:12:04,020  
sex party well marreth that's um that's

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00:12:08,060 --> 00:12:06,390  
pretty powerful stuff are you must be

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00:12:10,370 --> 00:12:08,070  
very proud that that's come out of the

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00:12:13,310 --> 00:12:10,380  
Australian sex party well yes it is but

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00:12:14,960 --> 00:12:13,320

it's a I have to say not the only good

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thing that's come out of Israel sex

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party I mean we were the first party for

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00:12:22,850 --> 00:12:20,100

example that called for a Royal

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00:12:25,060 --> 00:12:22,860

Commission into institutional child

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00:12:27,680 --> 00:12:25,070

abuse were really child abuse by

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00:12:30,620 --> 00:12:27,690

religious organizations and that has

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00:12:32,240 --> 00:12:30,630

come to pass that's fantastic yeah and I

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00:12:35,360 --> 00:12:32,250

notice that I mean there's a strong

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00:12:37,910 --> 00:12:35,370

civil liberties theme but you're not

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00:12:39,500 --> 00:12:37,920

just a one-trick pony this the sex party

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00:12:41,840 --> 00:12:39,510

is it I mean you're into all sorts of

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00:12:44,480 --> 00:12:41,850

things you have policies on tax and

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00:12:47,450 --> 00:12:44,490

religion on sex education on the clergy

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00:12:50,020 --> 00:12:47,460

going into schools on sniffer dogs clean

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00:12:52,460 --> 00:12:50,030

energy a relatively succinct way of

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00:12:55,000 --> 00:12:52,470

summarizing our the range of our

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00:12:59,390 --> 00:12:55,010

policies is that we are unashamedly

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00:13:01,220 --> 00:12:59,400

socially progressive hence we support

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00:13:04,400 --> 00:13:01,230

marriage equality without a plebiscite

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00:13:07,280 --> 00:13:04,410

let's just get it done legalizing

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00:13:11,030 --> 00:13:07,290

voluntary assisted dying and protecting

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00:13:13,329 --> 00:13:11,040

access to safe legal abortion so we're

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00:13:16,130 --> 00:13:13,339

unashamedly socially progressive

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00:13:16,860 --> 00:13:16,140

economically we would say that we are

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00:13:19,130 --> 00:13:16,870

prudent

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00:13:22,340 --> 00:13:19,140

because we're civil liberties and

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00:13:26,250 --> 00:13:22,350

somewhat libertarian party wearing favor

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00:13:29,450 --> 00:13:26,260

more rather than less freedom for adults

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00:13:32,190 --> 00:13:29,460

but with that freedom obviously comes

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00:13:34,260 --> 00:13:32,200

responsibility so and we're wearing

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00:13:36,660 --> 00:13:34,270

favor of overall of smaller government

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00:13:39,290 --> 00:13:36,670

rather than larger government less

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00:13:42,090 --> 00:13:39,300

bureaucracy rather than more bureaucracy

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00:13:45,450 --> 00:13:42,100

so socially progressive economically

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00:13:47,820 --> 00:13:45,460

prudent and environmentally we're not

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00:13:51,329 --> 00:13:47,830

ideological environmentally we tend to

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00:13:53,610 --> 00:13:51,339

be a party that unashamedly looks to the

301  
00:13:55,800 --> 00:13:53,620  
signs and the evidence in our

302  
00:13:57,660 --> 00:13:55,810  
environmental policies so for example we

303  
00:14:00,930 --> 00:13:57,670  
are obviously committed to a clean

304  
00:14:04,829 --> 00:14:00,940  
energy future but we wouldn't rule out a

305  
00:14:06,329 --> 00:14:04,839  
nuclear factor in a clean energy future

306  
00:14:08,519 --> 00:14:06,339  
we don't think we've got enough

307  
00:14:10,710 --> 00:14:08,529  
information yet to know whether or not

308  
00:14:13,040 --> 00:14:10,720  
that would be viable or next sense for

309  
00:14:16,140 --> 00:14:13,050  
Australia but we wouldn't rule it out on

310  
00:14:17,550 --> 00:14:16,150  
ideological grounds I think that's a

311  
00:14:21,269 --> 00:14:17,560  
very good attitude and I think a lot of

312  
00:14:23,790 --> 00:14:21,279  
skeptics would would identify with many

313  
00:14:25,710 --> 00:14:23,800

of the policies of the Australian sex

314

00:14:29,460 --> 00:14:25,720

body again you can check those out folks

315

00:14:31,410 --> 00:14:29,470

at sex party orgy you things that I

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00:14:34,670 --> 00:14:31,420

think many skeptics would be in tune

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00:14:37,290 --> 00:14:34,680

with like dying with dignity for example

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00:14:39,600 --> 00:14:37,300

mm-hmm-hmm another one that might be of

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00:14:42,990 --> 00:14:39,610

interest is our policy on drug law

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00:14:46,560 --> 00:14:43,000

reform I hasten to say that despite the

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00:14:48,990 --> 00:14:46,570

fact that we use a marijuana leaf as our

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00:14:52,350 --> 00:14:49,000

symbol for that from what we're not

323

00:14:53,970 --> 00:14:52,360

saying is open slather let's just let

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00:14:56,280 --> 00:14:53,980

everybody use whatever lyssa true

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00:14:59,730 --> 00:14:56,290

illicit drugs they want what we are

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00:15:02,820 --> 00:14:59,740

saying is the war on drugs has clearly

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00:15:05,790 --> 00:15:02,830

failed and has been incredibly expensive

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00:15:08,310 --> 00:15:05,800

so stop let's stop hitting our heads

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00:15:11,160 --> 00:15:08,320

against a brick wall if something if a

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00:15:13,260 --> 00:15:11,170

policy or a strategy is failing then

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00:15:15,570 --> 00:15:13,270

let's try something different and in

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00:15:18,750 --> 00:15:15,580

fact there are different strategies to

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00:15:22,050 --> 00:15:18,760

trying to deal with the harm that might

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00:15:24,960 --> 00:15:22,060

be caused by drugs and Portugal comes to

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00:15:28,590 --> 00:15:24,970

mind for example overall we're in favour

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00:15:30,800 --> 00:15:28,600

of decriminalization but regulation of

337

00:15:33,590 --> 00:15:30,810

drugs it certainly sounds like

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00:15:35,720 --> 00:15:33,600

you've given you personally of course

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00:15:37,610 --> 00:15:35,730

but the party in general has given all

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00:15:40,010 --> 00:15:37,620

these matters a great deal of thought

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00:15:41,720 --> 00:15:40,020

and I can't help noticing and detecting

342

00:15:44,750 --> 00:15:41,730

the very strong science and evidence

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00:15:46,329 --> 00:15:44,760

theme through your policies absolutely

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00:15:49,760 --> 00:15:46,339

and it's one of the things that really

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00:15:52,190 --> 00:15:49,770

attracted me to the sex party as you

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00:15:55,400 --> 00:15:52,200

would know Richard I've been president

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00:15:58,040 --> 00:15:55,410

of rationalist Society Australia for a

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00:16:01,010 --> 00:15:58,050

number of years before the last federal

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00:16:04,519 --> 00:16:01,020

election the rationalists ran a secular

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00:16:06,860 --> 00:16:04,529

scorecard in which we assessed the

351  
00:16:10,510 --> 00:16:06,870  
policies and public pronouncements of a

352  
00:16:14,680 --> 00:16:10,520  
number of political parties against our

353  
00:16:16,820 --> 00:16:14,690  
10-point plan for a secular Australia

354  
00:16:19,400 --> 00:16:16,830  
unsurprisingly the secular party of

355  
00:16:22,700 --> 00:16:19,410  
australia came out very well but so did

356  
00:16:25,400 --> 00:16:22,710  
the sex party and that's how i got sort

357  
00:16:28,460 --> 00:16:25,410  
of beyond the name to really read the

358  
00:16:32,600 --> 00:16:28,470  
policies of the sex party and discovered

359  
00:16:35,060 --> 00:16:32,610  
that they overlap almost perfectly with

360  
00:16:37,610 --> 00:16:35,070  
the policies that many in the

361  
00:16:40,490 --> 00:16:37,620  
freethought movement have been pursuing

362  
00:16:42,920 --> 00:16:40,500  
for a number of years and so that that

363  
00:16:45,710 --> 00:16:42,930

was how I sort of got to know the sex

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00:16:50,000 --> 00:16:45,720

party and I think like a lot of people

365

00:16:51,770 --> 00:16:50,010

the name was a bit of an impediment but

366

00:16:53,900 --> 00:16:51,780

if you can get beyond the name John

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00:16:55,370 --> 00:16:53,910

actually read the policies if they do

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00:16:57,590 --> 00:16:55,380

make a lot of sense to a lot of people

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00:17:00,520 --> 00:16:57,600

oh you know we've had this problem with

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00:17:03,410 --> 00:17:00,530

the the term skeptics for since forever

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00:17:05,780 --> 00:17:03,420

because everybody in their dog likes to

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00:17:07,970 --> 00:17:05,790

use the term skeptic to promote

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00:17:09,890 --> 00:17:07,980

themselves for example moon landing

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00:17:12,319 --> 00:17:09,900

skeptics and climate change sceptics

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00:17:14,900 --> 00:17:12,329

drives us crazy the sort of things that

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00:17:17,569 --> 00:17:14,910

the conspiracy theories here it's like

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00:17:19,340 --> 00:17:17,579

to call themselves what Meredith look

378

00:17:21,770 --> 00:17:19,350

thank you so much for sparing some time

379

00:17:24,880 --> 00:17:21,780

to chat to the skeptic zone folks as you

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00:17:27,800 --> 00:17:24,890

know we don't we're not a political

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00:17:29,900 --> 00:17:27,810

podcast we don't push politics one way

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00:17:32,060 --> 00:17:29,910

or the other particularly but innocent

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00:17:34,580 --> 00:17:32,070

in this instance I'll certainly pleased

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00:17:36,050 --> 00:17:34,590

to chat to you Meredith because of the

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00:17:38,380 --> 00:17:36,060

policies of the sex party is

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00:17:41,240 --> 00:17:38,390

specifically because of that excellent

387

00:17:42,770 --> 00:17:41,250

response to merrill dory and folks if

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00:17:44,270 --> 00:17:42,780

you want to read that response for

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00:17:46,550 --> 00:17:44,280

yourself and find out more about

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00:17:49,760 --> 00:17:46,560

Australian sex party maybe you can find

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00:17:52,790 --> 00:17:49,770

out if they're for you sex party okay

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00:17:54,770 --> 00:17:52,800

you is the address to head for but for

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00:17:56,770 --> 00:17:54,780

now dr. Meredith Doig from the

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00:18:14,360 --> 00:17:56,780

Australian sex party thank you very much

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00:18:17,570 --> 00:18:14,370

thanks Richard great to talk to you hey

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00:18:19,310 --> 00:18:17,580

Richard oh hi Trish Wow would you like a

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00:18:21,110 --> 00:18:19,320

coffee yeah thanks what you're working

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00:18:23,450 --> 00:18:21,120

on I'm trying to come up with a new

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00:18:26,270 --> 00:18:23,460

promo to play on the skeptic zone who's

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00:18:28,700 --> 00:18:26,280

it for the good thinking society in the

401  
00:18:31,010 --> 00:18:28,710  
UK you know Michael Marshall Simon Singh

402  
00:18:32,810 --> 00:18:31,020  
Nora Thomas and background oh yeah I

403  
00:18:35,290 --> 00:18:32,820  
know them they've been doing some great

404  
00:18:38,090 --> 00:18:35,300  
work investigating veterinary homeopathy

405  
00:18:40,670 --> 00:18:38,100  
vetri homeopathy what you sugar pills

406  
00:18:41,930 --> 00:18:40,680  
for cows I know right and also they're

407  
00:18:43,880 --> 00:18:41,940  
looking at some of the dodgy medical

408  
00:18:46,040 --> 00:18:43,890  
advice given by UK chiropractors I'll

409  
00:18:50,150 --> 00:18:46,050  
mention all that in the promo now their

410  
00:18:53,270 --> 00:18:50,160  
website is good thinking society ball

411  
00:18:54,800 --> 00:18:53,280  
and they've recently been reporting on

412  
00:18:57,620 --> 00:18:54,810  
the resurgence of faith healer peter

413  
00:18:59,060 --> 00:18:57,630

Popoff Peter papa great ok look I think

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00:19:07,740 --> 00:18:59,070

so that it gives me something good to

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00:19:14,680 --> 00:19:12,400

sigh con las vegas now it's not an

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00:19:16,900 --> 00:19:14,690

illusion sigh con is coming to Vegas and

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00:19:18,850 --> 00:19:16,910

you're not just hearing things for too

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00:19:20,920 --> 00:19:18,860

long skeptics have been wandering the

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00:19:24,340 --> 00:19:20,930

desert parched and aimless wandering

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00:19:26,410 --> 00:19:24,350

when oh when will they find an oasis but

421

00:19:27,970 --> 00:19:26,420

just on the horizon hope beggars at last

422

00:19:29,770 --> 00:19:27,980

a chance for critical thinkers from

423

00:19:31,720 --> 00:19:29,780

around the world to celebrate with the

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00:19:33,690 --> 00:19:31,730

brightest minds and biggest

425

00:19:37,420 --> 00:19:33,700

personalities and science and skepticism

426

00:19:43,210 --> 00:19:37,430

it's no Mirage it's psych on 2016 and

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00:19:45,880 --> 00:19:43,220

this time it's in Vegas October the 27th

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00:19:47,830 --> 00:19:45,890

to the 30th come to the Excalibur Hotel

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00:19:49,300 --> 00:19:47,840

and Casino in Las Vegas where brilliant

430

00:19:52,720 --> 00:19:49,310

speakers will make the City of Light

431

00:19:54,910 --> 00:19:52,730

truly shine with skeptic stars like

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00:19:57,330 --> 00:19:54,920

evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins

433

00:19:59,890 --> 00:19:57,340

science education champion Eugenie Scott

434

00:20:02,920 --> 00:19:59,900

Sethi astronomer Jill tarter and many

435

00:20:07,210 --> 00:20:02,930

more to be announced and yes James the

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00:20:09,100 --> 00:20:07,220

amazing Randi will be there to Saigon

437

00:20:11,650 --> 00:20:09,110

2016 is a production of the committee

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00:20:13,660 --> 00:20:11,660

for skeptical inquiry the people who

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00:20:16,360 --> 00:20:13,670

bring you the skeptical Inquirer a

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00:20:19,450 --> 00:20:16,370

magazine the group that began organized

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00:20:21,220 --> 00:20:19,460

skepticism a generation ago and what

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00:20:24,250 --> 00:20:21,230

better location for a conference of

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00:20:27,160 --> 00:20:24,260

skeptics than a city full of illusions

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00:20:29,320 --> 00:20:27,170

don't wait unlike claims of celebrity

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00:20:32,200 --> 00:20:29,330

psychics conspiracy theorists and alt

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00:20:35,860 --> 00:20:32,210

med hucksters this is no illusion sigh

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00:20:49,970 --> 00:20:35,870

con is real register now at WWDC

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00:20:58,620 --> 00:20:53,340

now it's time for dr. Rachel reports

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00:21:01,170 --> 00:20:58,630

with dr. Rachel Dunlop hello listeners

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00:21:03,600 --> 00:21:01,180

and welcome to dr. Richie reports back

451  
00:21:07,500 --> 00:21:03,610  
after quite a long absence due to

452  
00:21:10,950 --> 00:21:07,510  
science primarily this week a program

453  
00:21:13,230 --> 00:21:10,960  
that aired in the USA a production of

454  
00:21:16,020 --> 00:21:13,240  
PBS and the New York Times aired in

455  
00:21:18,690 --> 00:21:16,030  
Australia concerning supplements and

456  
00:21:19,920 --> 00:21:18,700  
whether they're worth taking now in

457  
00:21:22,350 --> 00:21:19,930  
Australia the vitamin and supplement

458  
00:21:24,450 --> 00:21:22,360  
industry is big business and an

459  
00:21:27,150 --> 00:21:24,460  
estimated seventy five percent of the

460  
00:21:28,740 --> 00:21:27,160  
population reportedly use some form of

461  
00:21:31,080 --> 00:21:28,750  
complementary medicines whether the

462  
00:21:33,140 --> 00:21:31,090  
spoofs supplements and vitamins ranging

463  
00:21:37,470 --> 00:21:33,150

front to other things like aromatherapy

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00:21:41,070 --> 00:21:37,480

homeopathy chiropractic anything along

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00:21:44,070 --> 00:21:41,080

those lines but the show that aired on

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00:21:46,050 --> 00:21:44,080

Monday on the ABC now presented evidence

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00:21:48,240 --> 00:21:46,060

to show that some vitamin supplements

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00:21:50,400 --> 00:21:48,250

and protein powders don't work at best

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00:21:53,580 --> 00:21:50,410

and at worst they can actually cause

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00:21:55,040 --> 00:21:53,590

harm so this investigation looked into

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00:21:57,120 --> 00:21:55,050

the complex issues surrounding

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00:21:59,520 --> 00:21:57,130

supplements in North America in

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00:22:02,400 --> 00:21:59,530

particular and it was an eye-opening

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00:22:04,770 --> 00:22:02,410

report that detailed a web of lobbying

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00:22:07,230 --> 00:22:04,780

and legislation that's designed to

476  
00:22:08,970 --> 00:22:07,240  
protect the industry in the USA but

477  
00:22:11,700 --> 00:22:08,980  
which ultimately leaves consumers at

478  
00:22:14,460 --> 00:22:11,710  
risk now the issue of supplements

479  
00:22:16,740 --> 00:22:14,470  
causing harm was covered up front with a

480  
00:22:18,720 --> 00:22:16,750  
group of patients in Hawaii who suffered

481  
00:22:21,000 --> 00:22:18,730  
limba damage following the ingestion of

482  
00:22:23,100 --> 00:22:21,010  
a dietary supplement and this led to

483  
00:22:25,740 --> 00:22:23,110  
many of them requiring transplants at

484  
00:22:27,660 --> 00:22:25,750  
the other extreme was a revelation that

485  
00:22:30,120 --> 00:22:27,670  
up to sixty percent of supplements

486  
00:22:31,920 --> 00:22:30,130  
analyzed independently for the active

487  
00:22:35,040 --> 00:22:31,930  
ingredient didn't contain what was

488  
00:22:37,650 --> 00:22:35,050

stated on the label now this study was

489

00:22:39,750 --> 00:22:37,660

done in a random sample of 44 popular

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00:22:42,030 --> 00:22:39,760

herbal supplements purchased from North

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00:22:45,180 --> 00:22:42,040

American stores and analyzed for their

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00:22:47,340 --> 00:22:45,190

DNA fingerprints now in one-third of

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00:22:50,490 --> 00:22:47,350

these sampled they showed outright

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00:22:52,680 --> 00:22:50,500

substitution so not only was the active

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00:22:55,560 --> 00:22:52,690

ingredient not there something else was

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00:22:58,160 --> 00:22:55,570

in its place and there was no trace

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00:23:01,050 --> 00:22:58,170

of what was advertised on the bottle

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00:23:04,680 --> 00:23:01,060

others contained undisclosed fillers

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00:23:06,750 --> 00:23:04,690

like soybean wheat and rice flour ginkgo

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00:23:09,210 --> 00:23:06,760

biloba supplements which were promoted

501  
00:23:11,820 --> 00:23:09,220  
as memory Hans's were mixed with fillers

502  
00:23:13,800 --> 00:23:11,830  
black walnuts and this is potentially

503  
00:23:15,240 --> 00:23:13,810  
deadly hazard for people that have nut

504  
00:23:18,060 --> 00:23:15,250  
allergies and don't know that they're

505  
00:23:20,430 --> 00:23:18,070  
buying nuts in their supplement so these

506  
00:23:21,870 --> 00:23:20,440  
findings make it very difficult to have

507  
00:23:25,050 --> 00:23:21,880  
any faith in the usefulness of

508  
00:23:26,720 --> 00:23:25,060  
supplements or the safety of them but

509  
00:23:29,280 --> 00:23:26,730  
even in the case of unadulterated

510  
00:23:31,710 --> 00:23:29,290  
supplements that is those do have active

511  
00:23:33,330 --> 00:23:31,720  
ingredient scientists and doctors warned

512  
00:23:36,030 --> 00:23:33,340  
that in the absence of a medically

513  
00:23:38,490 --> 00:23:36,040

diagnosed deficiency we are still taking

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00:23:40,980 --> 00:23:38,500

too many of these things a recent study

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00:23:43,110 --> 00:23:40,990

also reported that taking extra vitamins

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00:23:45,240 --> 00:23:43,120

and minerals can actually do more harm

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00:23:46,950 --> 00:23:45,250

than good and in some cases may even

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00:23:50,310 --> 00:23:46,960

increase your risk of getting cancer

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00:23:53,070 --> 00:23:50,320

rather than reduce it so in addition

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00:23:54,840 --> 00:23:53,080

some commercially available preparations

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00:23:56,520 --> 00:23:54,850

of fish oil which is supposed to be

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00:23:58,800 --> 00:23:56,530

helpful in reducing the risk of

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00:24:01,590 --> 00:23:58,810

cardiovascular disease were actually

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00:24:04,080 --> 00:24:01,600

shown to be off so they were rancid they

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00:24:07,320 --> 00:24:04,090

had oxidized as a result of poor

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00:24:09,450 --> 00:24:07,330

processing procedures and this in fact a

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00:24:11,820 --> 00:24:09,460

means that you're taking a substance

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00:24:14,280 --> 00:24:11,830

that can trigger inflammatory pathways

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00:24:16,500 --> 00:24:14,290

in your cells during the exact opposite

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00:24:19,710 --> 00:24:16,510

of what this supplement is supposed to

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00:24:21,060 --> 00:24:19,720

do so by now if you're thinking well you

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00:24:22,410 --> 00:24:21,070

know what happens in North America

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00:24:25,440 --> 00:24:22,420

doesn't really affect me here in

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00:24:28,410 --> 00:24:25,450

Australia you might be wrong because to

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00:24:32,220 --> 00:24:28,420

hermosa plement can be bought online of

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00:24:33,900 --> 00:24:32,230

course and since 2011 I have been linked

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00:24:36,600 --> 00:24:33,910

to at least six Australian organ

538

00:24:38,730 --> 00:24:36,610

transplants now this includes the recent

539

00:24:41,160 --> 00:24:38,740

case of a perv man who was given two

540

00:24:43,080 --> 00:24:41,170

weeks to live and required an emergency

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00:24:45,600 --> 00:24:43,090

liver transplant after taking a protein

542

00:24:47,580 --> 00:24:45,610

powder that contained a green tea

543

00:24:51,210 --> 00:24:47,590

extract and a supplement containing

544

00:24:54,120 --> 00:24:51,220

garcinia cambogia now such was his

545

00:24:56,550 --> 00:24:54,130

emergency that he had no choice but to

546

00:24:58,740 --> 00:24:56,560

accept a liver infected with hepatitis B

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00:25:01,530 --> 00:24:58,750

so now he's not only taking

548

00:25:03,480 --> 00:25:01,540

immunosuppressive drugs to maintain the

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00:25:06,900 --> 00:25:03,490

transplant but he's also taking drugs

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00:25:08,810 --> 00:25:06,910

for hepatitis B infection now Australian

551  
00:25:10,610 --> 00:25:08,820  
regulatory authorities

552  
00:25:12,740 --> 00:25:10,620  
responded to this by saying that they're

553  
00:25:14,899 --> 00:25:12,750  
continuing to investigate this report

554  
00:25:16,370 --> 00:25:14,909  
and the results will be made public if

555  
00:25:18,740 --> 00:25:16,380  
there are sufficient evidence of a

556  
00:25:21,680 --> 00:25:18,750  
safety issue i would say that there

557  
00:25:23,269 --> 00:25:21,690  
probably is but then again australia's

558  
00:25:27,529 --> 00:25:23,279  
regulations when it comes to supplements

559  
00:25:30,080 --> 00:25:27,539  
are also woefully inadequate so first of

560  
00:25:33,409 --> 00:25:30,090  
all if a product is intended to be used

561  
00:25:36,080 --> 00:25:33,419  
as a supplement it must be listed with

562  
00:25:38,210 --> 00:25:36,090  
the Therapeutic Goods Administration but

563  
00:25:40,610 --> 00:25:38,220

the process of getting it on that list

564

00:25:43,749 --> 00:25:40,620

only requires you to fill out an online

565

00:25:46,159 --> 00:25:43,759

form select from a list of pre-approved

566

00:25:48,350 --> 00:25:46,169

ingredients and pre-approved means that

567

00:25:50,600 --> 00:25:48,360

they've been tested for safety in

568

00:25:53,090 --> 00:25:50,610

isolation and they're considered low

569

00:25:55,399 --> 00:25:53,100

risk and then you must state that you

570

00:25:57,499 --> 00:25:55,409

hold information to substantiate the

571

00:25:59,629 --> 00:25:57,509

products claims you don't have to

572

00:26:02,240 --> 00:25:59,639

present that evidence you just have to

573

00:26:04,519 --> 00:26:02,250

say you have it now what is missing from

574

00:26:07,340 --> 00:26:04,529

this picture well you might have already

575

00:26:08,629 --> 00:26:07,350

picked it up is that testing of each

576  
00:26:10,249 --> 00:26:08,639  
batch of supplement for the

577  
00:26:12,619 --> 00:26:10,259  
concentration and safety of the

578  
00:26:14,810 --> 00:26:12,629  
indicated ingredients does not occur

579  
00:26:18,470 --> 00:26:14,820  
before the supplement ends up on the

580  
00:26:20,570 --> 00:26:18,480  
shelf in your pharmacy what's also

581  
00:26:22,730 --> 00:26:20,580  
missing is checks that the claims made

582  
00:26:25,279 --> 00:26:22,740  
on the bottle can be substantiated prior

583  
00:26:27,200 --> 00:26:25,289  
to the product going on sale so whilst

584  
00:26:29,360 --> 00:26:27,210  
that our compliance checks that happen

585  
00:26:30,759 --> 00:26:29,370  
randomly and on a percentage of the

586  
00:26:33,740 --> 00:26:30,769  
products that are out on the shelves

587  
00:26:35,930 --> 00:26:33,750  
only a fraction of the total products

588  
00:26:39,350 --> 00:26:35,940

listed will actually get checked and

589

00:26:41,779 --> 00:26:39,360

each time this does happen dozens of

590

00:26:44,090 --> 00:26:41,789

products are canceled for reasons

591

00:26:47,119 --> 00:26:44,100

ranging from unsubstantiated claims on

592

00:26:49,310 --> 00:26:47,129

the label to unacceptable quality to

593

00:26:51,649 --> 00:26:49,320

unacceptable safety or the fact that

594

00:26:53,480 --> 00:26:51,659

they just don't work so if we look at

595

00:26:57,889 --> 00:26:53,490

the most recent compliance should be

596

00:27:01,879 --> 00:26:57,899

done by the TGA covering January 2015 to

597

00:27:04,340 --> 00:27:01,889

februari 2016 we find that seventy-four

598

00:27:07,519 --> 00:27:04,350

percent of products checked for

599

00:27:10,460 --> 00:27:07,529

compliance failed seventy-four percent

600

00:27:13,039 --> 00:27:10,470

of products you can go and buy off your

601  
00:27:15,740 --> 00:27:13,049  
pharmacy shelf now failed compliance

602  
00:27:18,560 --> 00:27:15,750  
checks by the TGA now this was for

603  
00:27:21,820 --> 00:27:18,570  
various reasons including labeling and

604  
00:27:24,279 --> 00:27:21,830  
advertising but also for evidence

605  
00:27:28,269 --> 00:27:24,289  
lack of evidence for the products claims

606  
00:27:30,789 --> 00:27:28,279  
and also in around ten to twenty percent

607  
00:27:33,759 --> 00:27:30,799  
of cases this was to do with quality of

608  
00:27:36,669 --> 00:27:33,769  
the product itself so this is not a

609  
00:27:39,669 --> 00:27:36,679  
small amount of fail in terms of

610  
00:27:41,830 --> 00:27:39,679  
compliance and can you imagine if this

611  
00:27:43,779 --> 00:27:41,840  
happened to big farmer products there

612  
00:27:47,019 --> 00:27:43,789  
would be a scandal people would be

613  
00:27:48,340 --> 00:27:47,029

furious but because it's supplements and

614

00:27:50,560 --> 00:27:48,350

they're warm and fuzzy and they're

615

00:27:54,180 --> 00:27:50,570

natural therefore they must be safe

616

00:27:58,299 --> 00:27:54,190

nobody seems to care and this also

617

00:28:00,370 --> 00:27:58,309

doesn't even cover supplements that are

618

00:28:02,710 --> 00:28:00,380

not listed on the australian register of

619

00:28:04,539 --> 00:28:02,720

therapeutic goods so some traditional

620

00:28:07,330 --> 00:28:04,549

chinese medicine products are not listed

621

00:28:09,820 --> 00:28:07,340

on the artg and these have been found to

622

00:28:11,639 --> 00:28:09,830

be contaminated through studies with

623

00:28:14,259 --> 00:28:11,649

pharmaceuticals such as paracetamol

624

00:28:16,600 --> 00:28:14,269

antihistamines antibiotics blood

625

00:28:18,730 --> 00:28:16,610

thinners as well as significant levels

626

00:28:21,669 --> 00:28:18,740

of toxic heavy metals such as arsenic

627

00:28:23,649 --> 00:28:21,679

cadmium and lead so meanwhile although

628

00:28:25,840 --> 00:28:23,659

Australian supplement manufacturers are

629

00:28:28,299 --> 00:28:25,850

required to adhere to good manufacturing

630

00:28:30,549 --> 00:28:28,309

practice their sites are also inspected

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00:28:32,200 --> 00:28:30,559

and listed by the TGA but they're not

632

00:28:35,740 --> 00:28:32,210

required to prove that their products

633

00:28:37,840 --> 00:28:35,750

are safe or effective so consumers can

634

00:28:40,600 --> 00:28:37,850

easily be lulled into a false sense of

635

00:28:42,460 --> 00:28:40,610

security here especially if a product is

636

00:28:46,299 --> 00:28:42,470

stamped with an official-looking number

637

00:28:48,250 --> 00:28:46,309

which it is if it's on the artg and sold

638

00:28:52,090 --> 00:28:48,260

beside evidence based medicines in a

639

00:28:54,669 --> 00:28:52,100

pharmacy but consumers should be careful

640

00:28:56,620 --> 00:28:54,679

because it's not the case that just

641

00:29:00,539 --> 00:28:56,630

because there's a government number that

642

00:29:04,240 --> 00:29:00,549

this product a works b has been tested

643

00:29:07,330 --> 00:29:04,250

so like in North America in Australia we

644

00:29:08,889 --> 00:29:07,340

also have a vocal supplement lobby with

645

00:29:11,889 --> 00:29:08,899

connections to powerful people in

646

00:29:14,560 --> 00:29:11,899

powerful places and this means that in

647

00:29:18,159 --> 00:29:14,570

some cases we're not putting consumer

648

00:29:19,659 --> 00:29:18,169

rights above profits until that happens

649

00:29:21,940 --> 00:29:19,669

we should steer clear of

650

00:29:24,970 --> 00:29:21,950

over-the-counter supplements unless you

651  
00:29:26,950 --> 00:29:24,980  
have a medically diagnosed deficiency in

652  
00:29:31,570 --> 00:29:26,960  
which your doctor prescribes you a

653  
00:29:33,879 --> 00:29:31,580  
supplement buyer beware now if you would

654  
00:29:35,440 --> 00:29:33,889  
like to read this report it has been

655  
00:29:37,960 --> 00:29:35,450  
published on the conversation

656  
00:29:40,840 --> 00:29:37,970  
website under my name Rachel Dunlop and

657  
00:29:43,899 --> 00:29:40,850  
if you'd like to see the PBS New York

658  
00:29:46,269 --> 00:29:43,909  
Times investigation it will be up on ABC

659  
00:29:48,549 --> 00:29:46,279  
iview for the next couple of weeks in

660  
00:29:50,649 --> 00:29:48,559  
the north in North America it actually

661  
00:29:52,659 --> 00:29:50,659  
add in January this year so you should

662  
00:29:55,389 --> 00:29:52,669  
be able to find it somewhere maybe even

663  
00:30:06,250 --> 00:29:55,399

on the tubes and until next time this

664

00:30:08,470 --> 00:30:06,260

has been dr. Richie report back watch

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00:30:10,899 --> 00:30:08,480

your guide to quackery health fraud and

666

00:30:14,049 --> 00:30:10,909

intelligent decisions operated by

667

00:30:16,090 --> 00:30:14,059

stephen barrett md quite watch is now an

668

00:30:18,039 --> 00:30:16,100

international network of people who are

669

00:30:21,159 --> 00:30:18,049

concerned about health-related fraud

670

00:30:24,009 --> 00:30:21,169

sniffs fans fallacies and misconduct its

671

00:30:25,990 --> 00:30:24,019

primary focus is on quackery related

672

00:30:28,299 --> 00:30:26,000

information that is difficult or

673

00:30:31,690 --> 00:30:28,309

impossible to get elsewhere articles on

674

00:30:35,320 --> 00:30:31,700

quackery include quackery how should it

675

00:30:38,889 --> 00:30:35,330

be defined how it sells 26 ways to spot

676  
00:30:41,409 --> 00:30:38,899  
it how it comes cancer patients 7

677  
00:30:43,840 --> 00:30:41,419  
warning signs for bogus science why

678  
00:30:46,870 --> 00:30:43,850  
health professionals become quacks and

679  
00:30:49,799 --> 00:30:46,880  
many more including in-depth looks at

680  
00:30:54,730 --> 00:30:49,809  
acupuncture chiropractic homeopathy

681  
00:31:12,149 --> 00:30:54,740  
naturopathy and much more visit w WH

682  
00:31:26,560 --> 00:31:16,120  
it's the raw skeptic report with Heidi

683  
00:31:28,090 --> 00:31:26,570  
Robertson hello everyone this week I'm

684  
00:31:30,250 --> 00:31:28,100  
reporting on a follow-up of the

685  
00:31:33,370 --> 00:31:30,260  
Melbourne chiropractor who manipulated

686  
00:31:36,100 --> 00:31:33,380  
the spine of a four day old baby filmed

687  
00:31:39,070 --> 00:31:36,110  
it put it on YouTube where it

688  
00:31:44,590 --> 00:31:39,080

subsequently went viral and was reported

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00:31:47,070 --> 00:31:44,600

on worldwide on May the 16 2016 the

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00:31:49,750 --> 00:31:47,080

Sydney Morning Herald ran a story titled

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00:31:52,629 --> 00:31:49,760

chiropractor Ian Ross Perot temporarily

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00:31:55,840 --> 00:31:52,639

banned from treating children by Julia

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00:31:59,320 --> 00:31:55,850

Madhu and Nick toscano quote the

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00:32:01,480 --> 00:31:59,330

chiropractic board of Australia CBA has

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00:32:03,820 --> 00:32:01,490

ordered parkdale chiropractor Ian Ross

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00:32:06,580 --> 00:32:03,830

Perot not to treat patients under the

697

00:32:09,730 --> 00:32:06,590

age of 18 while it investigates his

698

00:32:12,100 --> 00:32:09,740

conduct in a statement on the Australian

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00:32:14,980 --> 00:32:12,110

health practitioner regulation agency's

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00:32:18,100 --> 00:32:14,990

website dr. Ross pura has entered an

701  
00:32:21,759 --> 00:32:18,110  
undertaking not to treat babies children

702  
00:32:24,820 --> 00:32:21,769  
and teenagers during that time and quote

703  
00:32:26,980 --> 00:32:24,830  
his band will remain in place until June

704  
00:32:29,379 --> 00:32:26,990  
the second and it will certainly be

705  
00:32:32,230 --> 00:32:29,389  
interesting what the outcome of the

706  
00:32:34,840 --> 00:32:32,240  
investigation will be and how it may

707  
00:32:37,450 --> 00:32:34,850  
impact on the treatment of babies by

708  
00:32:40,330 --> 00:32:37,460  
chiropractors in the future another

709  
00:32:42,279 --> 00:32:40,340  
quote from the article last month

710  
00:32:43,899 --> 00:32:42,289  
Fairfax Media revealed the Royal

711  
00:32:46,539 --> 00:32:43,909  
Australian College of General

712  
00:32:49,240 --> 00:32:46,549  
Practitioners had told its members to

713  
00:32:51,460 --> 00:32:49,250

not refer patients to chiropractors and

714

00:32:54,340 --> 00:32:51,470

was calling for the federal government

715

00:32:57,310 --> 00:32:54,350

and private health insurers to stop

716

00:32:59,950 --> 00:32:57,320

paying them for questionable treatments

717

00:33:02,980 --> 00:32:59,960

at the time president of the College of

718

00:33:04,810 --> 00:33:02,990

GPS dr. Frank Jones said there was no

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00:33:07,029 --> 00:33:04,820

evidence to support chiropractic

720

00:33:10,029 --> 00:33:07,039

treatment of infants spines which

721

00:33:11,150 --> 00:33:10,039

appeared cruel in the video he said it

722

00:33:13,370 --> 00:33:11,160

may have put the bay

723

00:33:15,770 --> 00:33:13,380

at risk of fractures and other soft

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00:33:19,160 --> 00:33:15,780

tissue damage you could rupture

725

00:33:21,860 --> 00:33:19,170

ligaments muscles and even bone if they

726

00:33:25,490 --> 00:33:21,870

have underlying bone problems the GP

727

00:33:28,250 --> 00:33:25,500

obstetrician said Health Minister Jill

728

00:33:31,750 --> 00:33:28,260

Hennessy called for an urgent crackdown

729

00:33:35,270 --> 00:33:31,760

on chiropractors performing unproven and

730

00:33:38,690 --> 00:33:35,280

potentially unsafe procedures on infants

731

00:33:41,960 --> 00:33:38,700

end quote as reported on the skeptic

732

00:33:44,510 --> 00:33:41,970

zone Studio 10 an Australian television

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00:33:47,450 --> 00:33:44,520

show had Ian Ross Perot on their program

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00:33:50,750 --> 00:33:47,460

recently to defend his treatment of the

735

00:33:53,450 --> 00:33:50,760

four day old baby studio 10 after the

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00:33:57,140 --> 00:33:53,460

cba sanctioning of ross perot ran an

737

00:33:59,060 --> 00:33:57,150

update with panelist Joe Hildebrand not

738

00:34:01,790 --> 00:33:59,070

holding back on what he thought of

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00:34:04,250 --> 00:34:01,800

rosboroughs suspension here is a

740

00:34:07,850 --> 00:34:04,260

recording of firstly part of rosboroughs

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00:34:10,490 --> 00:34:07,860

defense and Hilda brands subsequent

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00:34:12,650 --> 00:34:10,500

statements dr. Ross Perot joined the

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00:34:14,960 --> 00:34:12,660

studio 10 earlier this month in his only

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00:34:17,780 --> 00:34:14,970

TV interview and had this to say about

745

00:34:20,930 --> 00:34:17,790

the viral video what's happening here is

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00:34:23,630 --> 00:34:20,940

that you're not actually you not know

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00:34:25,040 --> 00:34:23,640

what you're seeing the the pressure of

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00:34:27,950 --> 00:34:25,050

my fingers just the end of my finger

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00:34:30,350 --> 00:34:27,960

just a fingertip and it's directed to a

750

00:34:33,280 --> 00:34:30,360

very specific part of the child's

751

00:34:35,659 --> 00:34:33,290

dysfunctional spine it's it's not

752

00:34:39,230 --> 00:34:35,669

putting a force in the body that the

753

00:34:41,060 --> 00:34:39,240

baby can't handle and it was it would be

754

00:34:43,610 --> 00:34:41,070

a lot more dangerous to leave that joint

755

00:34:44,990 --> 00:34:43,620

in the wrong position and and you know

756

00:34:47,240 --> 00:34:45,000

we're trying to shine the light on this

757

00:34:49,700 --> 00:34:47,250

I was trying to be I guess transparent

758

00:34:53,120 --> 00:34:49,710

we didn't have to post it but we wanted

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00:34:56,360 --> 00:34:53,130

to educate the public that sometimes one

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00:34:58,490 --> 00:34:56,370

just one specific correction in the

761

00:35:01,370 --> 00:34:58,500

right spot can make a massive difference

762

00:35:03,710 --> 00:35:01,380

to the health of a baby and also to the

763

00:35:05,030 --> 00:35:03,720

life of the parents I think the video

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00:35:06,860 --> 00:35:05,040

looks right and I don't think he sounds

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00:35:08,540 --> 00:35:06,870

credible I'm very glad that he's been

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00:35:10,700 --> 00:35:08,550

suspended and the be interesting to see

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00:35:13,010 --> 00:35:10,710

what happens next month when the

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00:35:15,050 --> 00:35:13,020

chiropractor chiropractors board

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00:35:17,330 --> 00:35:15,060

themselves the industry body look into

770

00:35:19,390 --> 00:35:17,340

it the industry body itself even if you

771

00:35:22,430 --> 00:35:19,400

even if you accept the chiropractic is a

772

00:35:24,099 --> 00:35:22,440

legitimate form of treatment their own

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00:35:26,829 --> 00:35:24,109

industry board has said that

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00:35:28,599 --> 00:35:26,839

is not right they have not endorsed that

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00:35:30,579 --> 00:35:28,609

practice I said so on its website it

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00:35:32,559 --> 00:35:30,589

said so on its website so if he's even

777

00:35:34,390 --> 00:35:32,569

outside the sphere of normal so there

778

00:35:36,430 --> 00:35:34,400

are some of the enquiry would be

779

00:35:38,829 --> 00:35:36,440

extremely interested it'll be extremely

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00:35:41,589 --> 00:35:38,839

interesting rosboroughs chiropractic

781

00:35:44,680 --> 00:35:41,599

facebook page is no longer online and

782

00:35:47,559 --> 00:35:44,690

he's only just removed the many YouTube

783

00:35:51,249 --> 00:35:47,569

videos he linked to from his clinics

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00:35:53,559 --> 00:35:51,259

website this week more troubling

785

00:35:56,970 --> 00:35:53,569

revelations have emerged in the media

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00:35:58,989 --> 00:35:56,980

regarding chiropractors treating babies

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00:36:04,180 --> 00:35:58,999

this is from The Sydney Morning Herald

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00:36:07,960 --> 00:36:04,190

may the 19th by Kate Orbison and Rainier

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00:36:10,479 --> 00:36:07,970

Spooner chiropractors have been caught

790

00:36:13,799 --> 00:36:10,489

allegedly sneaking into Australian

791

00:36:17,009 --> 00:36:13,809

maternity wards to treat newborn babies

792

00:36:20,079 --> 00:36:17,019

publicly flouting their own regulations

793

00:36:22,059 --> 00:36:20,089

the behavior has been slammed by other

794

00:36:24,430 --> 00:36:22,069

practitioners who say they are fed up

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00:36:27,579 --> 00:36:24,440

with a minority tarnishing the

796

00:36:30,099 --> 00:36:27,589

profession New South Wales chiropractor

797

00:36:33,099 --> 00:36:30,109

grant bond allegedly snuck into

798

00:36:36,640 --> 00:36:33,109

Wollongong private hospital to treat a

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00:36:41,309 --> 00:36:36,650

three day old baby claiming his touch

800

00:36:44,380 --> 00:36:41,319

allowed the infant to have his first poo

801  
00:36:47,979 --> 00:36:44,390  
similar allegations have been leveled at

802  
00:36:50,650 --> 00:36:47,989  
a Victorian chiropractor a photograph

803  
00:36:53,739 --> 00:36:50,660  
posted to the Facebook page of dr. bonds

804  
00:36:55,269 --> 00:36:53,749  
clinic in April shows the chiropractor

805  
00:36:57,609 --> 00:36:55,279  
with his hands on the back of the

806  
00:37:01,029 --> 00:36:57,619  
newborn held by his mother in one of the

807  
00:37:02,920 --> 00:37:01,039  
hospital's maternity ward sweats it was

808  
00:37:05,859 --> 00:37:02,930  
an awesome experience checking the

809  
00:37:08,140 --> 00:37:05,869  
baby's spine for the first time dr. bond

810  
00:37:11,529 --> 00:37:08,150  
wrote in the post which has since been

811  
00:37:14,739 --> 00:37:11,539  
removed as i gently laid my hands on his

812  
00:37:18,309 --> 00:37:14,749  
spine without even waking he did his

813  
00:37:21,519 --> 00:37:18,319

first poo the chief executive of

814

00:37:24,309 --> 00:37:21,529

Wollongong private David Crowe said dr.

815

00:37:25,930 --> 00:37:24,319

bond had entered the board without the

816

00:37:29,499 --> 00:37:25,940

permission of the hospital or the

817

00:37:31,690 --> 00:37:29,509

treating doctor chiropractors are banned

818

00:37:33,940 --> 00:37:31,700

from treating patients inside a health

819

00:37:37,029 --> 00:37:33,950

care facility without the institutions

820

00:37:38,020 --> 00:37:37,039

permission the chiropractor appears to

821

00:37:40,860 --> 00:37:38,030

have presented to the high

822

00:37:43,480 --> 00:37:40,870

spittle as a visitor mr. crow said

823

00:37:45,250 --> 00:37:43,490

Fairfax Media has learned a formal

824

00:37:47,770 --> 00:37:45,260

complaint has been made to the New South

825

00:37:50,290 --> 00:37:47,780

Wales health watchdog against dr. bond

826

00:37:53,040 --> 00:37:50,300

over the matter dr. bond has been

827

00:37:55,960 --> 00:37:53,050

contacted repeatedly for comment a

828

00:37:58,840 --> 00:37:55,970

formal complaint has also been made to

829

00:38:01,930 --> 00:37:58,850

opera against Melbourne chiropractor

830

00:38:04,060 --> 00:38:01,940

Bianca Beaumont after she published a

831

00:38:06,820 --> 00:38:04,070

photograph online that the complainant

832

00:38:09,610 --> 00:38:06,830

alleged shows her treating a newborn in

833

00:38:12,340 --> 00:38:09,620

hospital while the location of the

834

00:38:14,820 --> 00:38:12,350

photograph is unknown and dr. Beaumont

835

00:38:17,650 --> 00:38:14,830

did not respond to requests for comment

836

00:38:19,900 --> 00:38:17,660

two of Melbourne major birthing

837

00:38:22,900 --> 00:38:19,910

hospitals said they would not allow

838

00:38:26,020 --> 00:38:22,910

external chiropractors to treat babies

839

00:38:28,600 --> 00:38:26,030

on their wards on her website dr.

840

00:38:31,090 --> 00:38:28,610

Beaumont's clinic spruit to the service

841

00:38:33,880 --> 00:38:31,100

with the line our family wellness

842

00:38:36,010 --> 00:38:33,890

clients enjoy having our chiropractors

843

00:38:38,620 --> 00:38:36,020

visit them at home or in hospital to

844

00:38:42,130 --> 00:38:38,630

have the newest members of their family

845

00:38:44,740 --> 00:38:42,140

checked the content was deleted after

846

00:38:48,610 --> 00:38:44,750

her office was contacted by Fairfax

847

00:38:50,770 --> 00:38:48,620

Media in a blog post on Tuesday dr.

848

00:38:53,380 --> 00:38:50,780

Beaumont said her profession was under

849

00:38:56,350 --> 00:38:53,390

fire from social and the mainstream

850

00:38:59,710 --> 00:38:56,360

media after a video of the babys back

851  
00:39:01,660 --> 00:38:59,720  
being cracked went viral while the

852  
00:39:04,420 --> 00:39:01,670  
nature of this adjustment is something I

853  
00:39:06,400 --> 00:39:04,430  
am not comfortable with personally I am

854  
00:39:08,530 --> 00:39:06,410  
horrified to think that this may result

855  
00:39:11,590 --> 00:39:08,540  
in chiropractic care for children

856  
00:39:13,180 --> 00:39:11,600  
becoming illegal she wrote the

857  
00:39:15,040 --> 00:39:13,190  
chiropractic board of Australia

858  
00:39:17,380 --> 00:39:15,050  
confirmed it was investigating recent

859  
00:39:21,060 --> 00:39:17,390  
complaints against several chiropractors

860  
00:39:24,520 --> 00:39:21,070  
but does not discuss individual cases

861  
00:39:26,350 --> 00:39:24,530  
there are no excuses all chiropractors

862  
00:39:28,930 --> 00:39:26,360  
must meet the requirements of the law

863  
00:39:31,780 --> 00:39:28,940

and if they refuse we can take a

864

00:39:34,510 --> 00:39:31,790

disciplinary action or prosecute a

865

00:39:37,000 --> 00:39:34,520

spokeswoman said it is all very well for

866

00:39:39,810 --> 00:39:37,010

the CBA to make these statements but can

867

00:39:42,400 --> 00:39:39,820

the public trust them to follow through

868

00:39:45,090 --> 00:39:42,410

let's see what their track record of

869

00:39:48,490 --> 00:39:45,100

disciplinary action has been like so far

870

00:39:51,549 --> 00:39:48,500

this is from the reasonable Hank blog

871

00:39:53,890 --> 00:39:51,559

quote in 2013

872

00:39:55,509 --> 00:39:53,900

a story broke regarding chiropractors

873

00:39:59,799 --> 00:39:55,519

who were bragging of sneaking into

874

00:40:01,509 --> 00:39:59,809

hospitals in November 2013 the then

875

00:40:04,089 --> 00:40:01,519

president of the chiropractor's

876

00:40:07,630 --> 00:40:04,099

Association of Australia Laurie tassel

877

00:40:10,420 --> 00:40:07,640

tore his members a collective new one in

878

00:40:12,339 --> 00:40:10,430

his president's report published in the

879

00:40:13,959 --> 00:40:12,349

official periodical of the

880

00:40:16,859 --> 00:40:13,969

chiropractor's Association of Australia

881

00:40:20,289 --> 00:40:16,869

are called the Australian chiropractor

882

00:40:23,079 --> 00:40:20,299

this quote from Laurie tassel the

883

00:40:25,569 --> 00:40:23,089

unethical use of websites to claim cures

884

00:40:27,789 --> 00:40:25,579

for conditions that cannot be supported

885

00:40:30,609 --> 00:40:27,799

by research evidence continues to be a

886

00:40:32,529 --> 00:40:30,619

major problem for the profession at the

887

00:40:37,359 --> 00:40:32,539

time of the national development forum

888

00:40:39,609 --> 00:40:37,369

the CBA had received 155 new complaints

889

00:40:42,219 --> 00:40:39,619

regarding the inappropriate use of

890

00:40:45,609 --> 00:40:42,229

websites this is an issue that continues

891

00:40:48,819 --> 00:40:45,619

to astound me maybe when some of you

892

00:40:51,279 --> 00:40:48,829

receive substantial fines or suspension

893

00:40:54,009 --> 00:40:51,289

you will understand the significance of

894

00:40:56,349 --> 00:40:54,019

your selfish and unprofessional actions

895

00:40:58,859 --> 00:40:56,359

the damage to the profession from the

896

00:41:01,299 --> 00:40:58,869

unprofessional use of social media

897

00:41:02,789 --> 00:41:01,309

personal attacks on chiropractors who

898

00:41:05,019 --> 00:41:02,799

might hold different views to you

899

00:41:07,359 --> 00:41:05,029

bragging about entering hospitals

900

00:41:09,669 --> 00:41:07,369

without permission and posting photos

901  
00:41:12,479 --> 00:41:09,679  
with well-known speakers openly critical

902  
00:41:14,890 --> 00:41:12,489  
of vaccinations are not acceptable

903  
00:41:17,380 --> 00:41:14,900  
complaints to the CBA have been lodged

904  
00:41:20,049 --> 00:41:17,390  
and some of you will be subject to

905  
00:41:22,269 --> 00:41:20,059  
disciplinary action once something is

906  
00:41:25,630 --> 00:41:22,279  
posted on the net it is in the public

907  
00:41:30,579 --> 00:41:25,640  
domain private or closed sites are being

908  
00:41:32,799 --> 00:41:30,589  
accessed and trolled end quote back to

909  
00:41:35,349 --> 00:41:32,809  
the sydney morning herald article quote

910  
00:41:37,359 --> 00:41:35,359  
at least seven chiropractors have been

911  
00:41:39,579 --> 00:41:37,369  
sanctioned by the chiropractic board for

912  
00:41:42,999 --> 00:41:39,589  
treating newborns in hospitals since

913  
00:41:45,400 --> 00:41:43,009

july 2015 including the president-elect

914

00:41:50,410 --> 00:41:45,410

of the chiropractor's Association of

915

00:41:52,749 --> 00:41:50,420

Australia Helen lavake end quote however

916

00:41:55,509 --> 00:41:52,759

as reasonable Hank points out in his

917

00:41:57,579 --> 00:41:55,519

blog there are many more that have not

918

00:41:59,919 --> 00:41:57,589

been sanctioned for the same offenses

919

00:42:02,160 --> 00:41:59,929

which are breaches of several sections

920

00:42:05,240 --> 00:42:02,170

of the cba's code of conduct for

921

00:42:09,650 --> 00:42:06,830

once again back to the sydney morning

922

00:42:12,970 --> 00:42:09,660

herald article quote a woman who gave

923

00:42:15,950 --> 00:42:12,980

birth in John Hunter Hospital in 2008

924

00:42:18,380 --> 00:42:15,960

recounted a female chiropractor sneaking

925

00:42:20,750 --> 00:42:18,390

into the maternity ward to adjust the

926  
00:42:24,020 --> 00:42:20,760  
newborn of a mother who lay in the bed

927  
00:42:26,240 --> 00:42:24,030  
next to her her bub would have been

928  
00:42:28,130 --> 00:42:26,250  
about 12 hours old and she and her

929  
00:42:30,950 --> 00:42:28,140  
husband had a visitor that they were

930  
00:42:33,650 --> 00:42:30,960  
trying to talk all hush-hush to said the

931  
00:42:36,380 --> 00:42:33,660  
woman who asked not to be named the

932  
00:42:39,140 --> 00:42:36,390  
chiro adjusted the baby which the baby

933  
00:42:41,660 --> 00:42:39,150  
did not seem to enjoy and she told the

934  
00:42:44,540 --> 00:42:41,670  
mum that vaginal birth was incredibly

935  
00:42:46,850 --> 00:42:44,550  
traumatic for the baby and that every

936  
00:42:49,220 --> 00:42:46,860  
newborn should be adjusted within 24

937  
00:42:52,550 --> 00:42:49,230  
hours of birth to make sure they are

938  
00:42:54,860 --> 00:42:52,560

aligned she said the mother said the

939

00:42:57,500 --> 00:42:54,870

chiro had to sneak in like some sort of

940

00:43:00,170 --> 00:42:57,510

criminal and pretend to be a visitor

941

00:43:04,010 --> 00:43:00,180

because the hospital won't let her do

942

00:43:07,580 --> 00:43:04,020

her work general manager of John Hunter

943

00:43:09,890 --> 00:43:07,590

Hospital Debbie Bradley said this is not

944

00:43:12,830 --> 00:43:09,900

a practice that John Hunter is aware of

945

00:43:16,430 --> 00:43:12,840

and it is not endorsed within our

946

00:43:19,460 --> 00:43:16,440

facility the president of chiropractic

947

00:43:22,220 --> 00:43:19,470

of Australia associate professor Rodney

948

00:43:24,800 --> 00:43:22,230

Bonello said many chiropractors were

949

00:43:27,920 --> 00:43:24,810

horrified and embarrassed by the cases

950

00:43:29,840 --> 00:43:27,930

if there's not Hospital approval then

951  
00:43:32,330 --> 00:43:29,850  
that's a travesty and should never be

952  
00:43:34,670 --> 00:43:32,340  
acceptable associate professor banila

953  
00:43:37,900 --> 00:43:34,680  
set the profession has come under a lot

954  
00:43:39,800 --> 00:43:37,910  
of scrutiny some of it is deserved

955  
00:43:43,070 --> 00:43:39,810  
Chiropractic Association of Australia

956  
00:43:44,930 --> 00:43:43,080  
chief executive Matthew Fisher said any

957  
00:43:47,330 --> 00:43:44,940  
practitioner who provided care to a

958  
00:43:50,150 --> 00:43:47,340  
patient in a healthcare facility without

959  
00:43:53,030 --> 00:43:50,160  
permission was in breach of the code of

960  
00:43:55,310 --> 00:43:53,040  
conduct for chiropractors a facebook

961  
00:43:58,010 --> 00:43:55,320  
page supporting australian chiropractors

962  
00:44:00,220 --> 00:43:58,020  
who treat babies has been inundated with

963  
00:44:02,810 --> 00:44:00,230

photographs featuring overseas-based

964

00:44:06,020 --> 00:44:02,820

chiropractors treating infants and young

965

00:44:07,970 --> 00:44:06,030

children the Australian media seems to

966

00:44:11,270 --> 00:44:07,980

be tied tight to the medical community

967

00:44:14,660 --> 00:44:11,280

and the pharmaceutical industry said

968

00:44:18,650 --> 00:44:14,670

europa-based chiropractor Lynn Mack

969

00:44:21,530 --> 00:44:18,660

avenia in a video post end quote

970

00:44:24,350 --> 00:44:21,540

also extremely concerning is the

971

00:44:28,340 --> 00:44:24,360

anti-vaccination stance many of these

972

00:44:29,960 --> 00:44:28,350

chiropractors openly hold for example in

973

00:44:31,790 --> 00:44:29,970

rosboroughs clinics spruit to the

974

00:44:34,640 --> 00:44:31,800

anti-vaccination book Melanie's

975

00:44:37,310 --> 00:44:34,650

marvelous measles on their Facebook page

976  
00:44:40,250 --> 00:44:37,320  
there are too many more examples to give

977  
00:44:42,290 --> 00:44:40,260  
here but for a thorough examination of

978  
00:44:45,110 --> 00:44:42,300  
the extent of this chiropractic

979  
00:44:47,290 --> 00:44:45,120  
anti-vaccination problem Google

980  
00:44:50,990 --> 00:44:47,300  
reasonable Hanks blog with the words

981  
00:44:53,630 --> 00:44:51,000  
vaccination and chiropractors and you

982  
00:44:56,510 --> 00:44:53,640  
will find yourself some very disturbing

983  
00:44:59,000 --> 00:44:56,520  
reading what needs to be answered is

984  
00:45:01,880 --> 00:44:59,010  
where the chiropractors are getting

985  
00:45:03,800 --> 00:45:01,890  
their anti-vaccination stance from is it

986  
00:45:06,920 --> 00:45:03,810  
from lecturers at the universities they

987  
00:45:08,660 --> 00:45:06,930  
attended or is it later on once they've

988  
00:45:11,300 --> 00:45:08,670

graduated perhaps in ongoing

989

00:45:13,340 --> 00:45:11,310

professional development units we need

990

00:45:15,650 --> 00:45:13,350

to know this in order to stop the

991

00:45:17,720 --> 00:45:15,660

problem at its source rather than

992

00:45:20,120 --> 00:45:17,730

attempting to limit the damage once it

993

00:45:21,770 --> 00:45:20,130

has already occurred and the same can be

994

00:45:24,310 --> 00:45:21,780

said for the treatment of children by

995

00:45:27,650 --> 00:45:24,320

chiropractors for things like autism

996

00:45:30,590 --> 00:45:27,660

bedwetting ear infections and colic

997

00:45:34,250 --> 00:45:30,600

there is just no evidence base for it

998

00:45:36,650 --> 00:45:34,260

and what of the dubious surrogate muscle

999

00:45:39,320 --> 00:45:36,660

testing that some chiropractors are

1000

00:45:41,750 --> 00:45:39,330

offering whereby the baby is held by a

1001  
00:45:44,750 --> 00:45:41,760  
parent and the chiropractor performs

1002  
00:45:48,500 --> 00:45:44,760  
applied kinesiology to the parent to

1003  
00:45:51,320 --> 00:45:48,510  
find subluxations in the baby how is

1004  
00:45:53,890 --> 00:45:51,330  
this happening so back to what the CBA

1005  
00:45:58,340 --> 00:45:53,900  
is or isn't doing about the problem

1006  
00:46:02,960 --> 00:45:58,350  
again from reasonable Hank in its March

1007  
00:46:04,790 --> 00:46:02,970  
7 2016 statement the CBA stated the

1008  
00:46:09,290 --> 00:46:04,800  
following regarding misleading claims

1009  
00:46:11,960 --> 00:46:09,300  
still being made by chiropractors quote

1010  
00:46:14,570 --> 00:46:11,970  
of particular concern is the number of

1011  
00:46:16,580 --> 00:46:14,580  
treatment claims in advertising relating

1012  
00:46:18,500 --> 00:46:16,590  
to infants and children claimed

1013  
00:46:20,570 --> 00:46:18,510

suggesting that manual therapy for

1014

00:46:22,850 --> 00:46:20,580

spinal problems can assist with general

1015

00:46:24,770 --> 00:46:22,860

wellness and or benefit a variety of

1016

00:46:26,780 --> 00:46:24,780

pediatric syndromes and organic

1017

00:46:29,480 --> 00:46:26,790

conditions are not supported by

1018

00:46:31,490 --> 00:46:29,490

satisfactory evidence this includes

1019

00:46:32,059 --> 00:46:31,500

claims relating to developmental and

1020

00:46:35,150 --> 00:46:32,069

behavioral

1021

00:46:38,380 --> 00:46:35,160

disorders ADHD autistic spectrum

1022

00:46:42,049 --> 00:46:38,390

disorders asthma infantile colic

1023

00:46:45,859 --> 00:46:42,059

bedwetting ear infections and digestive

1024

00:46:48,949 --> 00:46:45,869

problems and in the case of the care of

1025

00:46:51,289 --> 00:46:48,959

pregnant patients chiropractors are not

1026  
00:46:54,380 --> 00:46:51,299  
trained to apply any direct treatment to

1027  
00:46:56,799 --> 00:46:54,390  
an unborn child and should not deliver

1028  
00:46:59,049 --> 00:46:56,809  
any treatment to the unborn child

1029  
00:47:02,269 --> 00:46:59,059  
chiropractic care must not be

1030  
00:47:05,120 --> 00:47:02,279  
represented or provided as treatment to

1031  
00:47:10,699 --> 00:47:05,130  
the unborn child as an obstetric breach

1032  
00:47:13,400 --> 00:47:10,709  
correction technique end quote so we

1033  
00:47:16,160 --> 00:47:13,410  
have a large number of chiropractors who

1034  
00:47:18,049 --> 00:47:16,170  
are a advertising non evidence-based

1035  
00:47:21,349 --> 00:47:18,059  
treatments in breach of their own

1036  
00:47:23,539 --> 00:47:21,359  
guidelines be allowing patient

1037  
00:47:25,549 --> 00:47:23,549  
testimonials on their social media sites

1038  
00:47:29,420 --> 00:47:25,559

also a breach of their advertising

1039

00:47:32,120 --> 00:47:29,430

guidelines see entering hospitals under

1040

00:47:35,660 --> 00:47:32,130

false pretenses posing as family members

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00:47:38,420 --> 00:47:35,670

or friends d entering hospitals without

1042

00:47:41,630 --> 00:47:38,430

the necessary accreditations permissions

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00:47:45,799 --> 00:47:41,640

and probably relevant insurances to

1044

00:47:47,839 --> 00:47:45,809

treat babies e demonstrating a complete

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00:47:50,029 --> 00:47:47,849

disregard and lack of respect for the

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00:47:52,120 --> 00:47:50,039

concept of open communication and

1047

00:47:56,359 --> 00:47:52,130

collaboration between multidisciplinary

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00:47:58,789 --> 00:47:56,369

healthcare providers and F spruiking

1049

00:48:00,949 --> 00:47:58,799

anti-vaccination nonsense and other

1050

00:48:04,999 --> 00:48:00,959

conspiracy theories on their social

1051  
00:48:07,430 --> 00:48:05,009  
media business pages in short this

1052  
00:48:10,640 --> 00:48:07,440  
subset of chiropractors appear to be

1053  
00:48:13,789 --> 00:48:10,650  
well and truly out of control and are

1054  
00:48:17,719 --> 00:48:13,799  
brazenly continuing to give the bird to

1055  
00:48:20,420 --> 00:48:17,729  
their regulatory bodies we wait in

1056  
00:48:24,709 --> 00:48:20,430  
anticipation of how those regulatory

1057  
00:48:26,870 --> 00:48:24,719  
bodies will respond thanks everyone this

1058  
00:48:29,029 --> 00:48:26,880  
has been highly robertson from the

1059  
00:48:32,599 --> 00:48:29,039  
Northern Rivers vaccination supporters

1060  
00:48:35,990 --> 00:48:32,609  
you can find us on facebook on twitter

1061  
00:48:39,770 --> 00:48:36,000  
at in our vax supporters

1062  
00:48:50,390 --> 00:48:39,780  
and on our website nrvs info as well as

1063  
00:48:54,830 --> 00:48:50,400

Wikipedia till next time on Maynard com

1064

00:48:59,690 --> 00:48:54,840

do you hey you it's time to get on the

1065

00:49:02,870 --> 00:48:59,700

stump kids oh god haha pain tick all the

1066

00:49:08,640 --> 00:49:02,880

boxes below the line because and bunga

1067

00:49:12,930 --> 00:49:10,340

election special

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00:49:15,090 --> 00:49:12,940

97 people say who's going to win I say

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00:49:21,150 --> 00:49:15,100

politics is the winner we are right

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00:49:23,100 --> 00:49:21,160

behind the pirate party stick a screen

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00:49:25,320 --> 00:49:23,110

down that end and put I don't know a

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00:49:32,130 --> 00:49:25,330

very moving episode of Diff'rent Strokes

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00:49:35,100 --> 00:49:32,140

maybe consider bunga bunga 27 as a

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00:49:36,840 --> 00:49:35,110

podcast audio version of going off on

1075

00:49:38,160 --> 00:49:36,850

that fishing boat in the scene from one

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00:49:39,540 --> 00:49:38,170

throw the Cuckoo's Nest it's me and Jim

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00:49:41,460 --> 00:49:39,550

on a boat not knowing what we're doing

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00:49:43,500 --> 00:49:41,470

having no idea what we're doing we're

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00:49:45,930 --> 00:49:43,510

having a great time and you can both

1080

00:49:48,810 --> 00:49:45,940

call us doctors hello mean are you

1081

00:49:51,510 --> 00:49:48,820

listen to bunga bunga 27 bunga bunga the

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00:49:53,610 --> 00:49:51,520

nation's most collectible podcast that's

1083

00:49:55,680 --> 00:49:53,620

right collect them all we'd all like to

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00:49:58,020 --> 00:49:55,690

be Pikachu there's the new one bunga chu

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00:49:59,790 --> 00:49:58,030

let's open the crank mail crank mail

1086

00:50:01,320 --> 00:49:59,800

Cray my oh we're just gonna have to wait

1087

00:50:02,610 --> 00:50:01,330

for Hillary Clinton to drive off in her

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00:50:04,530 --> 00:50:02,620

tractor if she's making a bit of noise

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00:50:06,450 --> 00:50:04,540

they're ripping it move along Clinton

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00:50:07,830 --> 00:50:06,460

she's finally gotten the word there

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00:50:09,780 --> 00:50:07,840

she's just gone into the bottle shop got

1092

00:50:11,880 --> 00:50:09,790

a rose over a bottle of sambuca which

1093

00:50:16,010 --> 00:50:11,890

she's drinking from openly as she drives

1094

00:50:31,600 --> 00:50:20,090

hey Mills still loves you on Maynard com

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00:50:31,610 --> 00:50:36,099

bye

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00:50:41,359 --> 00:50:38,390

thank you for listening to the skeptic

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00:50:44,390 --> 00:50:41,369

zone and if you really thought these

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00:50:46,999 --> 00:50:44,400

reports this week will worthwhile then I

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00:50:49,249 --> 00:50:47,009

suggest and I ask you to tell your

1100

00:50:50,900 --> 00:50:49,259

friends spread the word I think this is

1101  
00:50:53,630 --> 00:50:50,910  
a particularly good episode with three

1102  
00:50:55,970 --> 00:50:53,640  
very interesting reports thanks to our

1103  
00:50:58,880 --> 00:50:55,980  
wonderful reporters this week Heidi and

1104  
00:51:01,249 --> 00:50:58,890  
dr. Rachel who really who really show

1105  
00:51:02,839 --> 00:51:01,259  
their the cream of the crop I think all

1106  
00:51:04,430 --> 00:51:02,849  
my reports I think of the cream of the

1107  
00:51:06,170 --> 00:51:04,440  
crop they're all wonderful coming up on

1108  
00:51:08,839 --> 00:51:06,180  
the show next week we can have a report

1109  
00:51:11,269 --> 00:51:08,849  
about Belle Gibson now this was a woman

1110  
00:51:14,749 --> 00:51:11,279  
who claimed that she was using natural

1111  
00:51:17,660 --> 00:51:14,759  
therapies and nice unicorn thoughts to

1112  
00:51:20,480 --> 00:51:17,670  
cure her brain cancer here in Australia

1113  
00:51:23,480 --> 00:51:20,490

will also be reporting on the perak on

1114

00:51:25,519 --> 00:51:23,490

this is the paranormal convention that

1115

00:51:28,339 --> 00:51:25,529

i'll be attending pretty soon in about

1116

00:51:31,220 --> 00:51:28,349

six days I wonder what I wonder what

1117

00:51:32,779 --> 00:51:31,230

maenad will get up to there hmm well I

1118

00:51:35,319 --> 00:51:32,789

can't see into the future but I can

1119

00:51:38,900 --> 00:51:35,329

guess now now I'm starting to be worried

1120

00:51:41,359 --> 00:51:38,910

hmm but for this week this is Richard

1121

00:51:47,630 --> 00:51:41,369

Saunders signing off from Sydney

1122

00:51:50,150 --> 00:51:47,640

Australia you've been listening to the

1123

00:51:53,990 --> 00:51:50,160

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1124

00:51:57,259 --> 00:51:54,000

at WCA pegs on TV for contacts and

1125

00:52:00,440 --> 00:51:57,269

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1126

00:52:02,480 --> 00:52:00,450

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00:52:05,839 --> 00:52:02,490

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00:52:09,349 --> 00:52:05,849

at skeptic zone liking us on facebook

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00:52:10,849 --> 00:52:09,359

and leaving a review on iTunes you can

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00:52:14,240 --> 00:52:10,859

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00:52:17,089 --> 00:52:14,250

via paypal for as little as ninety-nine

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00:52:19,160 --> 00:52:17,099

cents a week the skeptic zone is an

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00:52:21,230 --> 00:52:19,170

independent production the views and

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00:52:23,420 --> 00:52:21,240

opinions expressed on the skeptic zone

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00:52:26,299 --> 00:52:23,430

and not necessarily those of Australian

1136

00:52:36,260 --> 00:52:26,309

skeptical or any other skeptical

1137

00:52:45,180 --> 00:52:41,610

one two three hello and welcome to the

1138

00:52:51,180 --> 00:52:45,190

skeptic Zone episode number 396 for the

1139

00:52:53,910 --> 00:52:51,190

22nd that was a cat it was jumping up on

1140

00:53:11,340 --> 00:52:53,920

to my microphone stand knocking

1141

00:53:19,740 --> 00:53:11,350

everything if we think oh god yup here's

1142

00:53:30,210 --> 00:53:19,750

another one what's this thang Thank You

1143

00:53:33,210 --> 00:53:30,220

Maude thank you honey the Australian sex

1144

00:53:39,540 --> 00:53:33,220

party supports this public the

1145

00:53:41,250 --> 00:53:39,550

Australian you've got me in the middle

1146

00:53:46,800 --> 00:53:41,260

of it he caught me in the middle of a

1147

00:53:50,190 --> 00:53:46,810

voiceover hello no no I'm just doing a