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Human Rights and Medical Goods Supply Chains: Working towards a healthier future

Where: The Australian Human Rights Commission Level 3, 175 Pitt St, Sydney
When: 12:00 – 1:00pm, Friday 9th September 2016

THE SPEAKERS

Mahmood Bhutta
Mahmood Bhutta is an ENT surgeon working in the UK National Health Service, and a Research Fellow at the University of Oxford. In 2007, he was a Co-Founder of the Medical Fair and Ethical Trade Group at the British Medical Association.

Anthony Brown
Anthony Brown is Executive Director of Health Consumers NSW. He has previously worked for the Men’s Health Information and Resource Centre at the University of Western Sydney. His work at HCNSW is to make sure that health providers listen to and show respect to health consumers, their families and carers.

Bruce Cornwell
Bruce Cornwell is a member of the Health Services Union NSW Committee of Management, with over 20 years of experience in purchasing and logistics in the NSW Health system.

Alison Elliott
Alison is a Senior Policy Advisor at UNICEF Australia and is a lawyer by training. She leads UNICEF Australia’s work regarding children’s rights and business, as well as law and justice policy.

Katherine Moloney
Katherine Moloney is the Chair of the Healthy Supply Chains Initiative. She has undertaken research, policy development and change management for the United Nations, civil society and academic institutions. Her doctoral thesis focuses on human rights due diligence in medical goods supply chains.

Panel Moderator – Angus Dawson
Angus Dawson is Director of the Centre for Values, Ethics and the Law in Medicine (VELiM).
Healthy Supply Chains Initiative

The Healthy Supply Chains Initiative is a group working towards the ethical and responsible supply of medical goods in Australia. At present, many of the goods used in hospitals, clinics and aged care facilities around the country are produced in appalling conditions. Workers are very poorly remunerated and routinely deprived of their labour rights and basic human rights. There are many instances of child labour being used.

For member organisations of the Healthy Supply Chains Initiative, the aim is to enact effective supply chain regulation for medical goods. Ethical oversight can be incorporated into workplace procurement policies and government legislation with a minimum of fuss – it’s just up to us to take the necessary steps! Precedents in Sweden and the United Kingdom have shown that making change is not only beneficial for the people producing medical goods, but is also low risk and low cost for procurers.

No one should suffer to alleviate another’s suffering.