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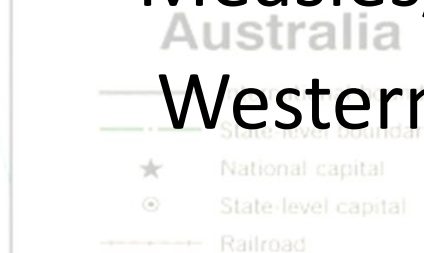
**AUSTRALIA PROGRAM**

# Australia – No jab, no pay

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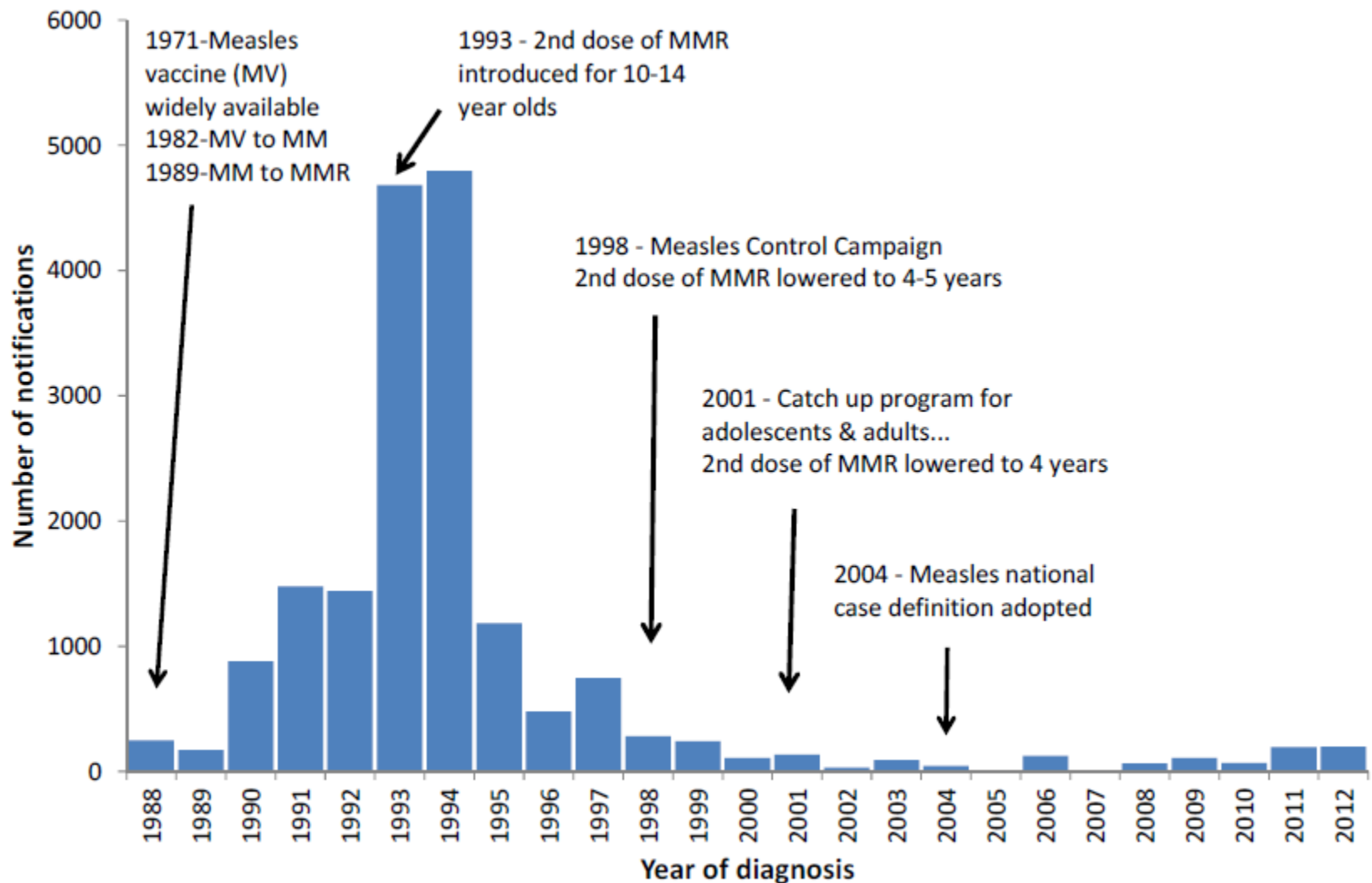
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# Australia – current measles & rubella status

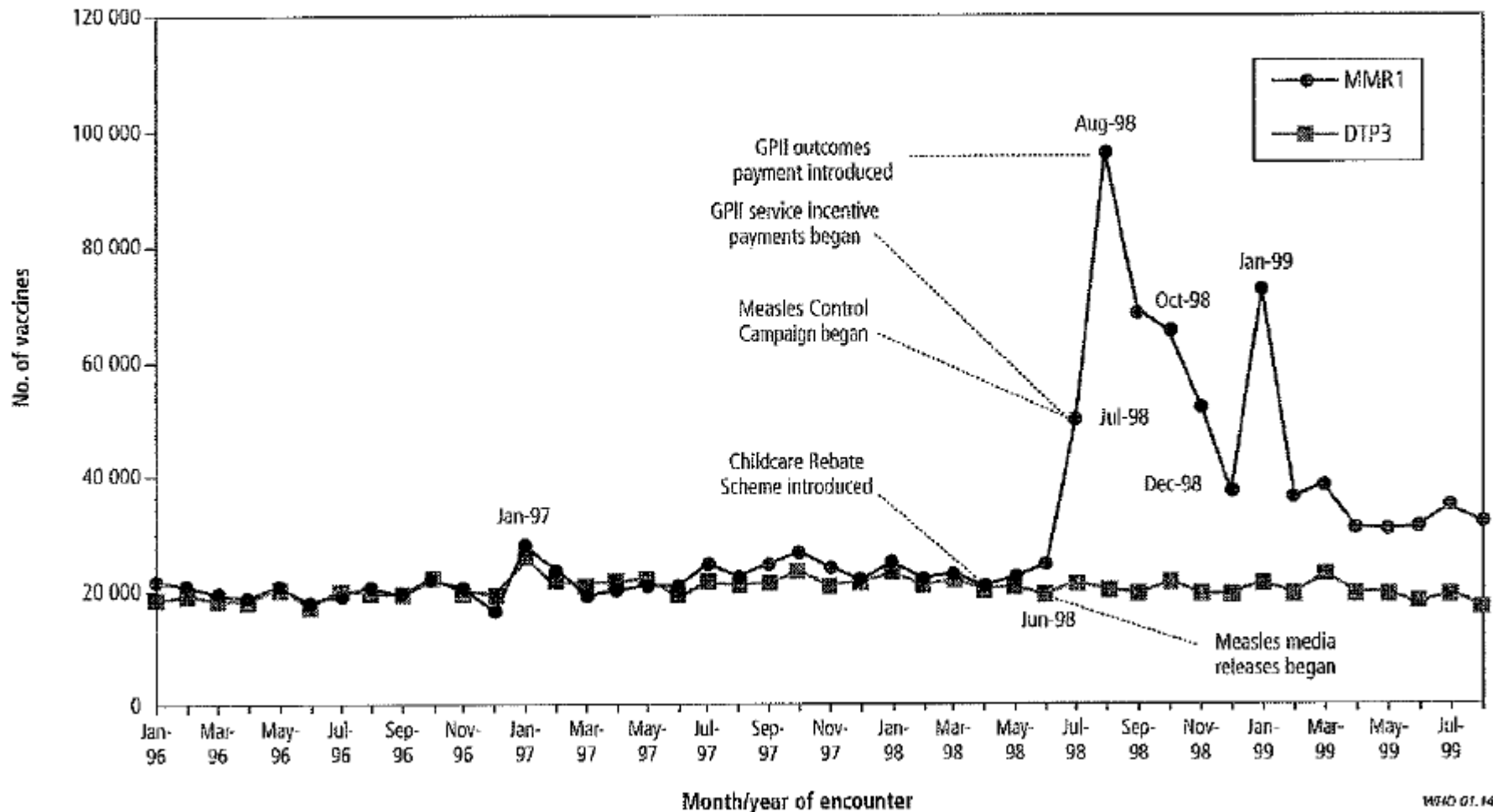
- Verified as having interrupted endemic measles transmission for at least 36 months on 21 March 2014
- Planning to provide evidence for having interrupted endemic rubella transmission and eliminated congenital rubella syndrome in 2017

# Measles notification and control initiatives, Australia, 1988-2012

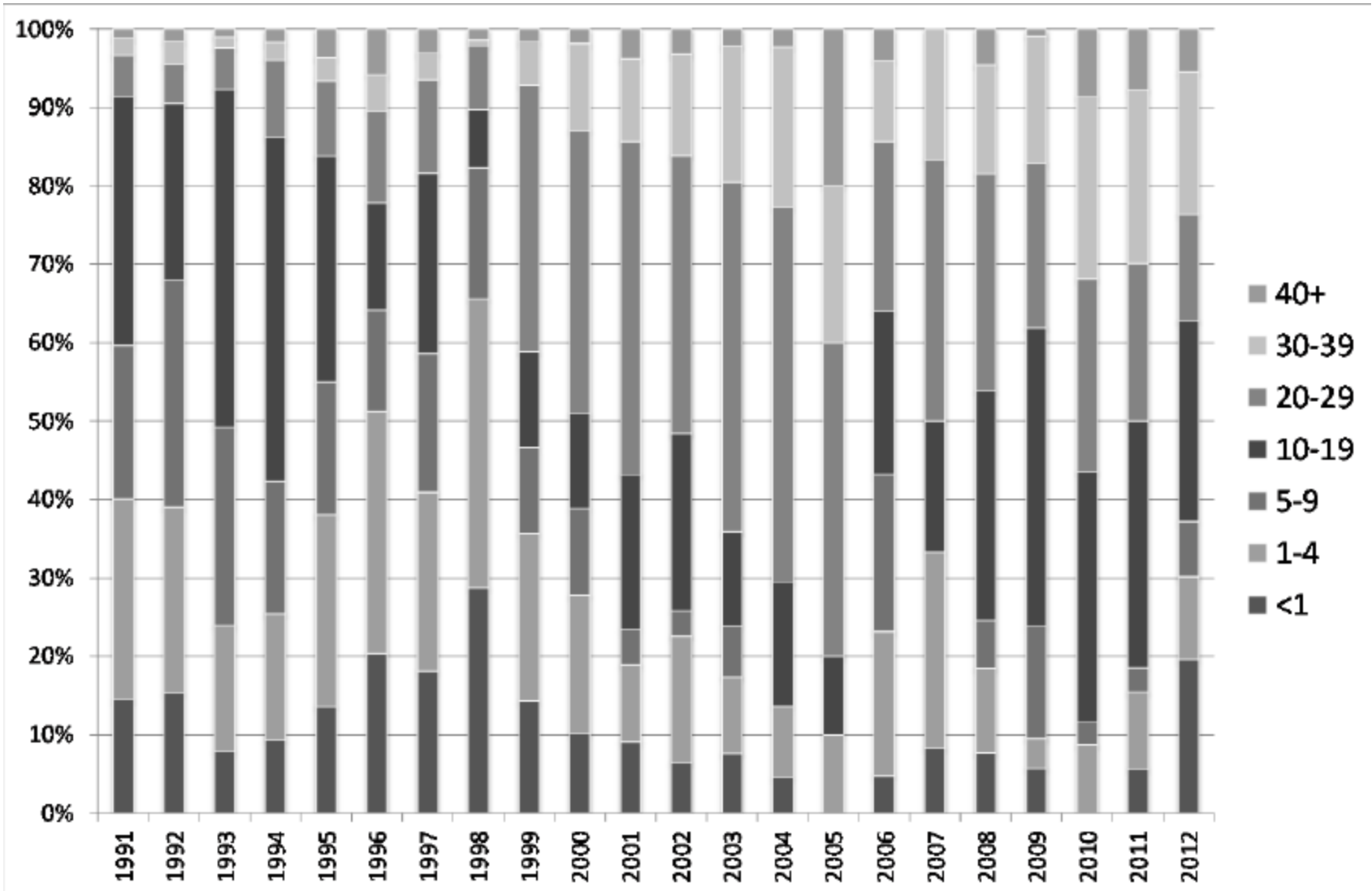


# Measles Control Campaign – incentives for families and family doctors

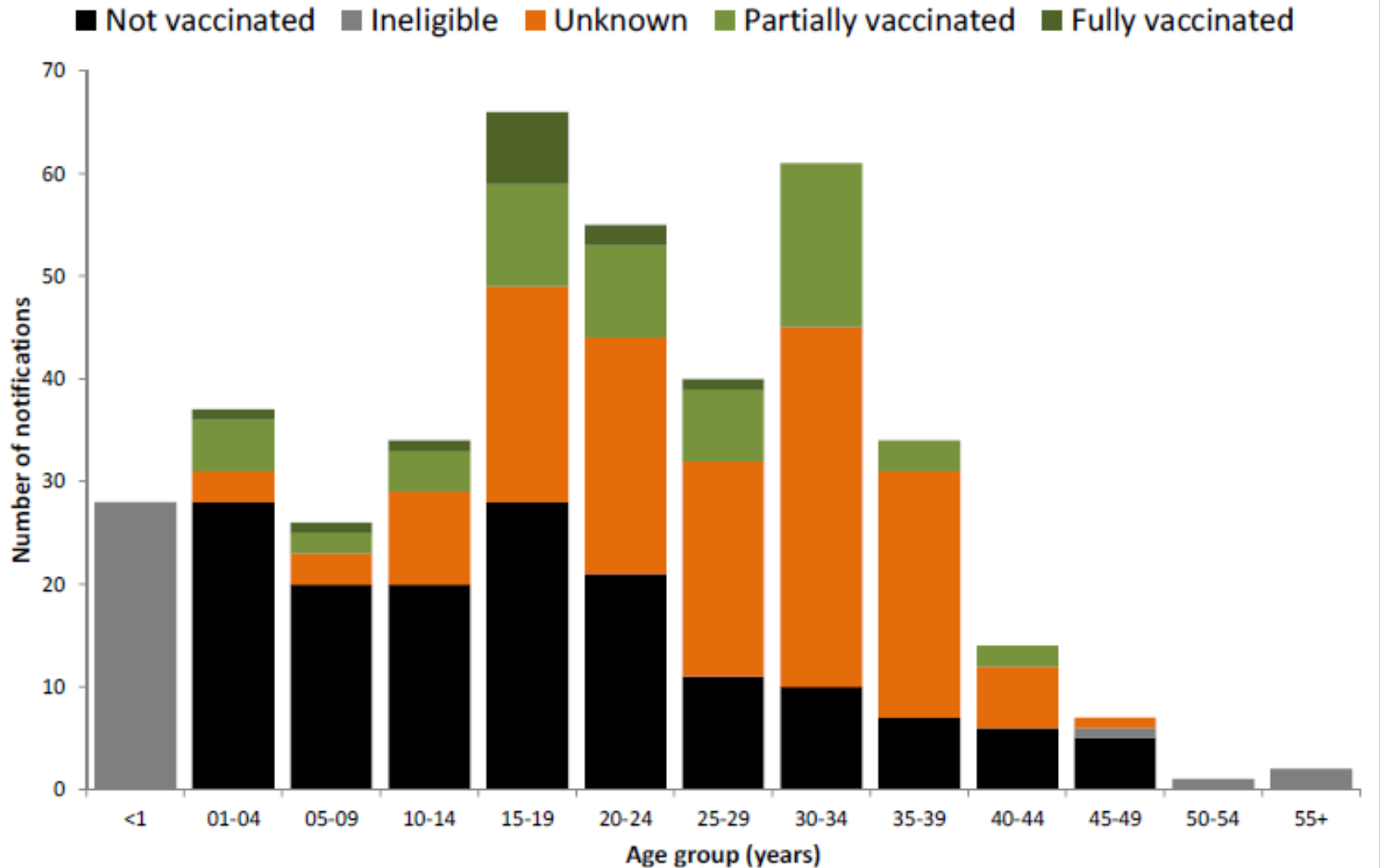
Fig. 2. Trends in vaccine use for measles–mumps–rubella, 1st dose (MMR 1) and diphtheria–tetanus–pertussis, 3rd dose (DTP 3), according to the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR), January 1996 to August 1999



# Proportional age distribution of measles cases, Australia, 1991-2012



# Measles notifications by vaccination status, Australia, 2013-2014



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## Sticks and carrots

- Only parents of children (less than 20 years of age) who are fully immunised or are on a recognised catch-up schedule can receive the Child Care Benefit (\$210 or \$175/week), the Child Care Rebate (up to 7,500/annum) and the Family Tax Benefit (\$730/child/annum).
- These vaccinations must be recorded on the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR).
- Children with medical contraindications or natural immunity for certain diseases will continue to be exempt from the requirements – standardised doctor reports.
- Conscientious objection and vaccination objection on non-medical grounds will no longer be a valid exemption from immunisation requirements.

# Vaccines linked to family payments

Vaccine (10-19 yr olds)		Clinically recommended (Funded)	Linked to family payments (10-19 yr olds)
dT (dTpa*)		✓	✓
Poliomyelitis (IPV)		✓	✓
MMR		✓	✓
Hepatitis B	Aged 10–19 years ^	✓	✓ but only those born on or after 1 May 2000
	Aged 11–15 years only ^		
MenCCV		✓	✗
Varicella vaccine <sup>§†</sup>		✓	✗



# Catch up

- Free catch-up NIP vaccines for all children less than 10 years of age on an on-going basis.
- Free catch-up NIP vaccines for all children 10-19 years of age until end Dec 2017.

# Towards a whole of life immunisation register

- Previously <7 years
- Now <20 years
- Include HPV from separate high school register
- Whole of life by Sep 2017 (zoster vaccination of 71-79 yr olds)

# Adult travellers

- Certain States provide free vaccination for adult travellers who have not had two MCVs