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Throughout New Zealand, thousands of unvaccinated kiwis are losing their employment because of the "no jab no job" policies – and it's not just our valued teachers, nurses and prison officers. We've personally received hundreds of messages from distraught kiwis losing their jobs due to the mandates. Here's just some of the careers being lost:

Truck drivers Drainlayers Horse eventers Arborists Tennis coaches Scrap yard workers University staff Doctoral students Courier drivers Workers at vineyards Social workers Apprentice electricians Bus drivers Construction workers Automotive painters Volunteer firefighters Office administrators After-hours cleaners **Ecologists**

Mechanical engineers Fruit pickers Apprentice plumbers Business intelligence analysts Grounds maintenance workers Automotive mechanics Structural architects Aircraft engineers Gardeners Volunteer driving instructors Road maintenance workers After-hours security guards Student farm-workers Gasfitters Fitness instructors Race horse trainers Table tennis coaches Event hire operators Swimming pool lifeguards

The 87,269-strong petition "Don't Divide Us", launched in November, was tabled in Parliament last week and says "We oppose the 'no jab no job' policy, which will create a divided New Zealand. We call on the Government to allow the use of COVID rapid antigen testing as an alternative for unvaccinated kiwis to access workplaces, schools, marae, large gatherings, and places of worship."

Nationwide polling found a majority of kiwis support testing to be allowed as an option, so that kiwis can keep their jobs. So let's get the country united and working together again, as we battle the challenges of COVID-19.

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