

Commonwealth Government Covid-19 Response Inquiry.

As there has been no transparency regarding the National Cabinet records it is impossible to know when States acted unilaterally, and thus what is within the scope of this Inquiry and what is not.

Will the panel have access to the National Cabinet records? If not, how will they know if states acted unilaterally? An insurmountable problem is the lack of transparency. The records should be released to the public so there can be a substantive inquiry. The only way to do a "whole-of-government review is to consider state responses in relation to the National Cabinet records.

I am a category 5 in Daniel Andrew's caste system.

How did I come to be one of this despised group?

Ten years as a member on an eminent Medical Research and Ethics Committee that approved pharmaceutical products for human testing gave me a healthy scepticism of warp speed production and approval for an experimental and novel pharmaceutical product. One of my university friends lived with serious disabilities due to [REDACTED]. A cautionary example. I did not take the experimental therapeutic and thus, due to the mandates, lost my two positions of employment and experienced what it is to be a social pariah. No one should be forced to take an experimental pharmaceutical product: absolutely not, in a free and democratic society.

I have an Arts Degree majoring in psychology and sociology, Social Work degree, Theology degree and Masters in Spirituality. Based on my studies, it was obvious that lockdowns would be disastrous as humans struggle to survive, let alone flourish, in isolation, cut off from all that gives them meaning in life and a sense of connection. Zoom does not cut it! There is a wealth of archived research which shouts these truths. Available to anyone with curiosity. Decline in mental health for adolescents was predictable. Decline in learning for school children was predictable. Decline in communication skills for pre-schoolers was predictable. It was all predictable based on the preexisting academic body of knowledge. My mother died due to the stress of lockdown. She could not do another long lockdown and died during the Valentine's lockdown in Victoria. I was cut off from most of my family as they lived beyond the "ring of steel". House arrest is punishment for criminals. It not the way to treat citizens and tax-payers.

Why was no cost benefit analysis done regarding lockdowns? The Inquiry in England is bringing to light the fact that lockdowns damaged more lives than were saved, in a futile attempt to hide from an airborne virus. Why did the government not take a stance of calming Australians as their governments had responsibly done during previous pandemics? Why did the government abandon the established science and experience based pandemic plans that had served Australian society so well in the past? Why was a myopic single criterion used for decision-making? The health of individuals and human society are more complex than one single concern of crushing the virus, a virus that was known to be of concern primarily for elderly people with several comorbidities. It was startling during the height of the panic to

observe the average age of death from covid was older than the average age of death.

Conflicts of interest must be recognised and where there is conflict of interest individuals must not be given decision-making responsibility. If the tobacco industry provided 96% of the funding for the Anticancer Council who would take them seriously? The pharmaceutical regulators are too intertwined with the industry they regulate. This, in the most innocuous form can lead to group think, but less innocuous is the possibility of incentivized decision-making corrupting science and putting the public at risk. Why did the TGA not review the documents from Pfizer?

I never want, for myself, for my children and grandchildren and for all Australians to live again in a police state, with mandatory house arrest for all, papers please disclosure of private medical information.

Serious damage was done to the health services in this country through the Covid-19 pandemic response. The mandates led to huge loss of medical, allied health and administration staff in the hospital at which I was employed prior to the mandates. A health approach that guts the health care system is utterly ridiculous.

More systematic and articulate responses are offered by both [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] and I agree with the content of their submissions.

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