

To the Members of the Independent Panel,

I am writing this submission to voice concerns over certain aspects of Australia's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. While I recognise the importance of the Inquiry's goal to improve pandemic preparedness, there are critical areas that require thorough scrutiny.

Concerns Over Specific Pandemic Measures

Mask and Vaccine Mandates: The implementation of mask and vaccine mandates had significant impacts on individual freedoms and social dynamics. These measures, often invasive, warrant a detailed review to assess their necessity, effectiveness, and proportionality. These mandates turned most states of Australia into areas with medical apartheid. Those who chose not to get vaccinated were not allowed to work, go to restaurants, schools, visit anyone in hospitals, attend events and numerous other cruel and unnecessary restrictions. This was made even worse as it became clear the vaccines that were mandated did nothing to stop the spread despite governments saying that they would. In regards to masks; study after study have shown these to be ineffectual in stopping the spread of Covid. Even the manufacturers of masks have stickers on their packaging which state this very fact.

Lockdowns and Curfews: The economic, social, and psychological impacts of lockdowns and curfews have been profound. An evaluation of these measures is essential to understand their long-term effects on Australian society and whether they were the most appropriate response. Until today, the effects of lockdowns and curfews play out in the mental health of Australians. Furthermore, combined with mandates, curfews and lockdowns led to issues amongst friends and family's (which the state and federal governments encouraged), businesses closing down with zero compensation, kids missing out on vital years of schooling and development to name only a few of the issues. Furthermore, we all should have acknowledged that lockdowns were ineffective after the first one failed. If they were so effective, why did we need one after the next?

We as tax payers need to see the health advice that guided the decisions of state government; it's only fair seeing that we paid for it!

Why were our borders shut to Australians? As an Australian passport holder; we are supposed to be allowed back into the country without question. It's even written inside the passport itself...especially seeing as we have paid into the tax system including customs for decades. This was a complete betrayal to all Australians.

Communication Strategies: It is quite clear that there was an unwarranted use of fear in public health messaging. It's important to analyse whether such communication strategies were effective or whether they contributed to unnecessary panic and distress among the public. The manufacture of fear was monitored by the Victorian government in particular to

create political communication and as a foundation to create policy. This was all done on the tax payers' dime and only now has this been revealed. In addition, we were NEVER allowed to see the health data; instead, the government insisted that we lay all our trust in them. Why did the government encourage that friends and family turn on one another for simply not agreeing to take a vaccine or questioning the response (i.e. lockdowns, vaccine mandates, hotel quarantines, printing and distribution of money which has since fuelled inflation & cost of living crisis etc...)

Furthermore, the role that the mainstream media played in hyping up the fear has to be examined. Were they working hand in hand with government departments and bureaucrats? It sure looked that way.

Creation of Quarantine Centres: Why were these necessary? This is a big waste of tax payers' money and they were unnecessary.

Creation of National Cabinet: Is this even constitutional? We should not have a national cabinet which meets in secret discussing the direction of the country with ZERO oversight or checks and balances. Again, this is on the tax payers' dime and as such ALL communications including meeting minutes that have taken place since its creation should be released to the Australian public immediately.

In fact, the current government made an election promise to do exactly this during their campaign.

Concerns Over the Composition and Scope of the Inquiry

Panel Composition: The appointment of Inquiry panel members who have previously expressed support for certain pandemic measures raises questions about the objectivity and impartiality of the Inquiry. Panel members who have expressed support for such measures should recuse themselves.

Exclusion of Unilateral State and Territory Government Decisions: One of the most significant omissions in the Inquiry's scope is the exclusion of actions taken unilaterally by state and territory governments. These decisions, including state-imposed lockdowns and border controls, were pivotal to the nation's pandemic response and should be included in the Inquiry. Why aren't state governments being investigated here? Most Victorians (for example) would love to have the actions of Daniel Andrews scrutinised. The Victorian Police force shot rubber bullets at unarmed protesters and also deployed anti-terrorism units and tactics on said unarmed protesters. This has undoubtably set a shocking precedent in this country. Then there is the corruption around the hotel quarantine security that 'nobody could recall anything about'. There are arrests of people such as [REDACTED] and

others...plus intimidation tactics that were employed by Vic Police on anyone who has an audience and a stance that differed from the government. Once again; I could go on and on here.

The Need for a Comprehensive Review

While the Terms of Reference for the Inquiry are extensive, it is crucial that the above-mentioned areas are not overlooked. A truly comprehensive review should encompass all aspects of the government's response, including those currently outside the Inquiry's scope.

Conclusion

This submission represents a collective call for a more inclusive and thorough investigation into Australia's COVID-19 response. It also urges for freedom and liberty to not ever be cast aside with fearmongering as it was by Australian governments during the pandemic. We urge the Inquiry to consider these points to ensure transparency, accountability, and the safeguarding of Australian values and liberties.

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