I give my consent for this submission to be made public.

I am a native born Australian male, 58 years of age, who has been affected profoundly by the responses taken by both Federal and State governments to the Covid pandemic. I believe that the responses were over-reaching, unnecessarily authoritarian and not at all proportionate to the actual disease. This points to a profound failing in governance which is disturbing in the utmost. I personally suffered a loss of freedom, income and friends. Quite a number of people I know have been affected both financially and physically from adverse reactions to the injections forced upon us. I wish never to see such an incompetence foisted upon the people of Australia again. Hence, my submission below.

Unfortunately, due to the ridiculously short time given for submissions I have been unable to devote the time to gather evidence for all the points I have made below. Most of it, though, is publicly available online from reputable sources worldwide. Please take the time to find this.

Firstly, something so important as an investigation on the most disruptive and damaging event in Australian history since World War Two deserves more than an obviously cobbled and intentionally weak "inquiry". The reactions of the states must be looked at. This action shouts that those who we entrust with our nation's governance have absolutely no intention of finding out the truth of the mismanagement of the Covid response and thus hold us, the citizens of Australia, in utmost contempt. You have no idea of the absolute anger which is circulating within the Australian people about the circumstances and decisions surrounding Governmental responses to the pandemic and I make no distinction between the four major parties in stating this. All suffer from a lack of transparency fed by an almost sociopathic concern with always appearing to do the right thing even when doing something which is obviously detrimental to the Australian people and the country as a whole. Your job is to govern and as our servants (yes, our servants) you must govern for all with integrity, honesty and transparency. Nothing less than a Royal Commission with very wide terms of reference will suffice to clear the air on this most shameful chapter of our history. I and many others demand this.

Accordingly, I call for a thorough investigation of the following:

- The constitutionality of denying freedom of movement and bodily autonomy in the form of lockdowns and vaccine mandates. That these were swept aside so easily was and is profoundly anti-democratic despite the so-called emergency.
- The human rights implications of these actions should also be examined, particularly in light of the Nuremberg code of 1947. The demand for disclosure of injection status violated several international conventions which uphold the right of the individual to refuse medical interventions. Declining to take the procedure due to a lack of information on the possible effects of the injection resulted in clear discrimination and restrictions on the basis of medical status despite the obvious inability of the injection to do its job. This is clearly a breach of human rights as well as a number of Acts of Parliament. It effectively punished people for upholding their right of informed consent.
- The process by which these experimental injections (they are not vaccines as they do not stop transmission of the target disease) were authorised in Australia and in particular what testing, and the nature of the testing, which was carried out on these drugs. If the drugs

were accepted without independent Australian testing and are proven to be unfit and even dangerous to health, then that is a grave failure of process.

- The influence of major drug companies on the decisions of the Therapeutic Drugs Administration given that 96% of its revenue is gained from the very organisations it is tasked with overseeing.
- The economic and social impacts of draconian measures used to enforce government dictates for a disease which even early publicly available evidence, from reputable bodies such as the Oxford Centre for Evidence Based Medicine, confirmed was not a real threat to anyone under 70. As far as can be discerned, the death rate for Covid was less than that of the virulent influenza which struck us in 2017.
- The information and data upon which the various state and federal governments based their
 decisions to abandon carefully crafted pandemic plans which had been decades in the
 making. There is sufficient evidence now available to say with some certainty that the
 draconian reactions of Australian authorities have resulted in more deaths, disabilities and
 depressions than Covid itself.
- The surveillance, propaganda and censorship perpetrated upon Australian citizens voicing their concerns about the authoritarian heavy-handedness of authorities of all stripes. This allowed the insidious application of indoctrination methods by our governments in the unrelenting vilification of those who chose to uphold their human rights by not being injected against their will. This has all resulted in a serious and democracy-destroying erosion of public trust in the government and many of our cherished institutions. Again, a fact of great concern to many Australians.
- The actions of AHPRA in censoring and de-registering doctors for upholding the basic tenets of their profession rather than follow what have been since proven to be flawed directives. That this was done without regards to individual patient circumstances was abominable. Where is the data and information which backed up these actions when we were all asked to "follow the science"? What is this "science" and does it actually refute alternative science from reputable scientists from around the world? Why has it not been released for scrutiny?We deserve to know these things!
- The ordering process for the injections would seem to have been botched given the inordinately high number which was ordered. Never could there have been the possibility of the Australian population using the number actually ordered. Simple knowledge of logistics could have revealed this. Who is responsible for this cavalier waste and why?

Quite a number of these points would not have been problematic if the original pandemic plan of targeted intervention had been adhered to.

The absurdly short time allowed for submissions also adds to the suspicion with which the general public view the intentions and seriousness of the proposers of this inquiry.

I am profoundly disturbed and upset by what I have witnessed and experienced in Australia and particularly in Victoria over the past four years. Huge flaws in the way we are governed have been clearly revealed and laws would seem to have little to no effect in safeguarding human rights. In fact, there would seem to be no real safeguards for the rights of the individual if a government decides they are inconvenient to their aims. When the requirements of an Act of Parliament, which seemed

very clear to me as someone who had to interpret and implement such things in the course of my duties on a school executive body, can be blithely dismissed as not being applicable, with no adequate or meaningful reason given, then it is no wonder that I and many others have lost faith in our system. This should be of great concern to all Australians.

Since I can remember, I have believed that Australia was a place where an individual was free to pursue their own interests without undue interference. This whole experience has changed my view of this country. When someone who has served their country, taking an oath to put themselves in harm's way for its people, worked hard all of their life and has been a productive member of the community and society can be vilified, denigrated and humiliated by their employer and the highest offices of government for doing what they believe is right, then this is not the place I was led to believe it was. It seems that human rights and the Constitution, the foundation of our existence as a nation, are worthless and can be swept aside in the pursuit of self-interest. I no longer believe that many of our institutions and organisations work for the benefit of ordinary people. The closest word that I can use for my state of mind is to describe it as a state of mourning for what this country once was and I despair for what this episode portends for the future.

A full and wide-ranging Royal Commission is the only way to analyse what went wrong with our response, and why, so that we as a freedom loving nation will never again go down the dark path of authoritarianism we trod during the Covid Pandemic. A whitewashing "inquiry" is an insult to all Australians and the suffering we underwent during that time. It will further damage our democracy and the perception the Australian people have of those who we entrust with our democracy. We demand proper answers, and these can only be discerned through a proper, and thorough, Royal Commission investigation.

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