

Submission to the COVID-19 Response Inquiry Panel
to inform recommendations that aim to improve Australia's preparedness
for future pandemics

I am a recently retired [REDACTED] and I was placed in the unenviable position when, to keep my job, it was mandated that I take the vaccine. Moreover, my husband had to go into Age Care because of a diagnosis of dementia, and I would not have been able to visit him if I were not vaccinated. This is an affront to the freedoms we have always enjoyed in Australia. We should have freedom of choice, yet during the COVID pandemic, we lost those freedoms. The country was locked down, and vaccines and masks were mandated. I could not attend weekly worship, nor could close family members, who live intrastate and overseas, visit me. I missed seeing my grandchildren for two and a half years. I am thankful for this opportunity to make recommendations regarding the COVID-19 response to the pandemic and I sincerely trust that the Panel will seriously consider recommendations put forward.

My strongest recommendation is that there ought to be a Royal Commission into the COVID-19 response by the Federal and State Governments so that a proper investigation into that Response can be made. This may be the only way that the public will find out what was going on behind the scenes and why so many wrong decisions were made that led to disastrous results.

I want to outline the following particular concerns regarding the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

1. Corrupt vaccine procurement and secret contracts. The Panel must inquire into the vaccine debacle and whether they were correctly approved and administered. Why was the focus on vaccinating a healthy population, instead of researchers and pharmaceuticals focusing on treatments for those who were affected by COVID-19? Who is making profits from vaccine procurement and contracts? Has government spending on procuring vaccines, PCRs and RATs been audited?
2. Mask mandates. There is some literature available regarding the effectiveness or otherwise of masks. More research needs to be done. However, when mask mandates were introduced, our freedoms disappeared. The Panel needs to inquire into the scientific effectiveness of masks, the social, emotional and mental impact of mask-wearing, financial costs, and the environmental impact of millions of masks being thrown into landfill.
3. Lockdowns. Lockdowns became the go-to solution for areas where there were COVID-19 cases. Yet, invariably this caused many negative effects on the populations having to endure lockdowns. Mental health issues became evident as people suffered from anxiety, loneliness, loss of jobs, loss of social interactions, grief issues not properly resolved, and funerals and other important social events were cancelled or postponed. There were more social ills apparent because of lockdowns, than would have been the case if people were allowed to go about their normal activities. Lockdowns also impacted faith communities, who were no longer able to meet together to worship.


4. Vaccine mandates. These mandates took away our freedom to have autonomy over our own bodies. The mandates made it virtually impossible to continue with normal life, if we chose not to be vaccinated. Many teachers, myself included, health professionals, and many other occupations, had to go along with the mandated vaccines, simply to ensure that they could continue with their jobs. Furthermore, people who chose not to be vaccinated were not able to visit loved ones in Aged Care facilities. I was able to continue to visit my husband in Aged Care, but a dear friend of mine could not visit her mother who was in Aged Care because she chose to remain unvaccinated. My friend also reported to me how she felt like a second-class citizen because many places were closed to her as she was not able to produce a vaccine certificate. It felt like Australia was becoming an apartheid state, divided into the vaccinated and the unvaccinated. The Panel needs to investigate the effectiveness of mandated vaccines. Are personal rights and personal freedoms being sacrificed to a good cause or not?
5. Media Censorship and Official misinformation and lies in the media regarding the ability of vaccines to block transmission. The media were very slanted in support of the vaccine. They were obviously towing the Government line. Moreover, the media contributed to what seemed a deliberate scare campaign to pressure the public into being vaccinated, by the daily bombardment of death figures associated with COVID. However, very little information on the adverse affects of the vaccines was made public. In previous years, we had never heard of the death toll attributed to influenza, for example, which were recorded but not advertised; yet every night, COVID death figures flashed across our television screens. This needs to be investigated further, especially the biasness of our national broadcaster the ABC. Taxpayer dollars are poured into that entity, but it constantly provides bias views only. How much media censorship was involved across all media channels? The public have a right to know and the Panel should investigate it further.
6. Vaccine injuries. I understand that at least one state government (Western Australia) has released a report into the adverse side effects of vaccines in recent years. They found an alarming increase with the COVID vaccine. According to a report that I have read, Pre-COVID there was on average about 2 adverse side effect in every 1000 vaccines administered. With the COVID vaccine, it spiked up to 46 adverse side effects in every 1000. My apologies if these figures are not correct, but when I tried to verify these figures, I could not locate the report on the internet or in the WA Health Department. Has the report been silenced? The significant incidence of adverse effects is alarming. Is anyone investigating this? Is there too much money being made by the big pharmaceuticals, so they have no interest in investigating this further? The Panel needs to examine the influence of the big pharmaceuticals in the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
7. Silencing of doctors. I have heard of cases of whistleblowers losing their jobs, or being threatened with de-registration, or being de-registered. This is very concerning as we expect our doctors to provide us with accurate information on any matters regarding our health. How much influence do the big pharmaceuticals hold over our

health professionals? Did the government place pressure on doctors to “tow the line”?

8. Has there been any investigation into the unexpected rise of deaths across the whole Australian population? Was this related to COVID-19 or the vaccine? What are the ongoing effects of the virus or the vaccine? Heart issues, breathing problems, coughs, fatigue, etc. Further investigations are required.

I have many concerns about our government’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Panel may be limited in its scope to make investigations into these matters. There is a lot that needs to be explored further. I would recommend to the Panel, that, given the many issues surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, and the many concerns and even misinformation that may be out there, it is imperative that a Royal Commission be made set in place. As a member of the public, I can only make suggestions and recommendations, but any recommendations made by a full Royal Commission would hold considerable weight. I strongly urge the Panel, after its initial examination and review of the government’s response to this pandemic, that it too would recommend a Royal Commission into this matter.

I apologise that I have not been able to provide more evidence on my matters of concern, but that should not prevent the Panel from carefully seeking out all the evidence that is available. Disappointingly, and concerning, I could not find on the internet previous articles that I had read about COVID-19. Have they been deleted? I do thank the Panel for this opportunity to make this submission and I sincerely trust that my concerns will be taken seriously and will be considered, as an indication that when the government sets up a Panel for review, they are serious about receiving and considering every submission that comes their way.


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