

I writing a submission for the Covid19 response inquiry. I am writing as a concerned Australian citizen (individual). Due to the federal and state government responses to the COVID 19 virus I have been greatly impacted in many areas of my life. I refused to take this novel vaccine, MRNa injection as I did not think it had been properly tested and researched. I was living in [REDACTED] and there were very few cases and the risk to myself seemed very low. I am quite healthy and active, in my [REDACTED] In QLD the vaccine mandates began in December 2021. As such I was barred from participating in and enjoying many activities. I felt stigmatised and angry at the government. My family and friends became divided along lines of vaccinated verses unvaccinated. These family relationships have still not completely recovered. This is true for many people that I know. The majority of people I know, including my extended family took these mrna covid injections to be able to continue working so that they could support themselves and their families and pay their bills. A few people I know took it to travel. I have talked to very few people who were jabbed out of concern for the covid virus. Many people had already had a mild covid illness and weren't worried about covid.

As a social worker I was unable to work in my professional field due to the injection mandates and yet prior to the mandates I continued to go to work everyday until late 2021. I left my job in [REDACTED] which was lucky for me as I would have been forced to resign by December 2021. This vaccination discrimination continues to this day. I have been working in retail for over a year, I would very much like to work in the aged care sector however I am unable to as the organisations still required COVID 19 vaccines, generally 3 shots. My weekly income is less than half of my previous job as a social worker. I am a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and I definitely feel disadvantaged by this discrimination. It is well established knowledge and fact that the COVID 19 injections do not stop infection or transmission. This needed to be acknowledged publicly and discussed, not censored, as happened in Australia and many other countries around the world. The impact from lockdowns and mandates on individual wellbeing, mental health and relationships has been huge and damaging.

Medical treatments should NEVER be mandated. All medical treatments come with risk. The number of adverse events from the COVID jabs have been huge worldwide. The government does not have the right to disregard an individual's human rights for informed medical consent and medical choice. The federal government was complicit with the state mandates by allowing access to immunisation records. These mandates were never justified. The jabs didn't stop infection or transmission. The safe and effective mantra was a lie. Many people want the governments and businesses who enforced vaccine mandates to be held accountable. I have friends and friends of friends in the medical and aged care sector who quit or were made redundant due to covid mandates. Our health/medical services including nurses (7000 no longer working in qld) and ambulance drivers, OTs continue to be dangerously short staffed. The vaccine mandate continues to have consequences detrimental to the health of Australians.

There was a tremendous waste of tax money by the federal and state governments during the covid panic. The federal government ordered the equivalent of 10 doses of COVID

injections for every Australian. This is wasteful and stupid. Vaccines expire. Many of those doses have been discarded. Lockdowns destroyed many small businesses. Government employees were unaffected financially and large corporations seemed to be less affected and many were advantaged by the lockdowns.

There was a tremendous waste of time and manpower due to contact tracing. It was difficult to get professional help for my [REDACTED], such as an occupational therapist, as they had been re-assigned to the COVID urgent roles (PANIC) such as contact tracing. Where was the evidence that this would help? Where is the evidence now that it did help? Such a huge waste of tax-payer money must not happen again.

The government also either ordered or allowed the censorship of medical opinions that differed to the government narrative and the [REDACTED] approved narrative. Australia and its questionable TGA and APRAH did not conduct their own research but just followed America and the FDA. Cheap repurposed drugs that could have helped and saved people with early treatment were banned, resulting in higher death tolls for vulnerable Australians. The World Council for Health has published many studies which show the efficacy of Ivermectin and other repurposed drugs in saving lives.

As described in the Great Barrington declaration from American doctors, healthy people should not be quarantined. Future pandemics need to focus only on the vulnerable. The elderly needed the greatest protection. Releasing Covid sick elderly from hospital and returning them to aged care facilities caused the most vulnerable to be exposed and suffer the most.

Above all the government should not PANIC. It should not believe its own propaganda. It should make decisions for the best interest of Australians and not for their own political careers and financial advantage. The government, in future, needs to consult widely from specialists/ experienced people in the medical and other fields including immunologist, cardiologists, pathologists, GPs treating people etc and also economists, educators and small business people. The government should not rely on medical bureaucrats. The government needs to re-gain the trust of many Australians who do not presently trust that the government is making decisions for the best interests of this great nation. Other governments around the world, such as the Danish government responded to emerging data and adapted their covid policies to reflect the emerging data. Australia did not.

Hopefully Australia will learn from its mistakes and respond more humanely and be more economically responsible. All actions have consequences. The consequences need to be considered. A risk / benefit analysis must be done and continually updated as evidence arises. Responses should not be based on flawed modelling. Medical emergencies should not be used as opportunities for politicians to take away our human rights. I urge the Australian government to study the Swedish response to the covid panic and follow their lead which resulted in much better financial and health outcomes for its population compared to the countries who locked down, censored dissenting opinions / facts and mandated covid injections. These measures follow the authoritarianism of China, not the

values of individual freedom, responsibility and dignity upon which Western civilizations are built.

Sincerely

