

Submission

Commonwealth COVID-19 Response Inquiry

The Commonwealth Government is to be commended for trying to improve responses in the event of future pandemics.

However:

This would require a more comprehensive Inquiry that includes the role of the States and Territories and the role of the media.

The fearmongering in the media has had a detrimental effect on many citizens, even to the point of suicide. Some of this fearmongering was presented by State Health Officials.

How well tested were responses to the pandemic? We are learning now from overseas studies that some responses, such as mask- wearing were not effective, especially cheap masks, home-made masks and masks worn under the chin.

So many reactions to the pandemic were initiated by State Governments – lockdowns, mandates, mask wearing, travel restrictions, crossing into other States with border restrictions, school closures, church closures – some of which were violations of citizens human rights – that an Inquiry without investigating the implications of these factors will not go far enough.

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