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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: The Australian Government's COVID-19 Response Inquiry

I welcome this opportunity to submit details of my experience of the government's response to Covid-19. I am a father of [REDACTED] I am from the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] where we were subjected to [REDACTED] rules that restricted our freedom and were detrimental to: our work, our health, our freedom. In my submission I attempt to address areas of most interest to this enquiry.

The role of government

[REDACTED] Covid-19 was all that mattered according to Andrews, whilst the adverse effects of lockdown, mask and vaccine mandates were ignored. State of emergency laws should provide for a balanced response. Instead, these laws were changed at the drop of a hat to satisfy the state government's desires. An appeal to the federal government went unheeded. For future situations such as that of Covid 19, state governments should not be able to change laws to suit their own agenda, fears or misconceived pursuits. In addition, the constitution should have more weight. The federal government is also grossly at fault, as the state and territory governments could not have implemented their stringent COVID policies without the support and endorsement of the federal government. The federal government is not without the power to reign in rogue states and territories, via, for example, reprimands and the withholding of funds. The federal government's failure exacerbated the problems I highlight below.

Key health response measures

Key health measures were maniacally disproportionate, infringing on our freedoms and detrimental to our health. Mask mandates, vaccine mandates and lockdowns were proved to be ineffectual and unnecessary, yet were pursued. Furthermore, privacy is important, especially when it comes to health, yet we were forced to show our vaccine passport to strangers to partake in society. For choosing to keep my vaccine status to myself, I was:

- Locked out of shops, such as Bunnings and Rebel Sport;
- Refused entry to the public library, which was distressing to myself and my young child;
- Refused admission to the council offices, to the extent that I was loudly abused in public by the lady positioned at the entrance;
- Barred from entry to hospital for an X-ray appointment; and
- Permanently barred from visiting my local GP.

The effect of response measures on my family were:

- [REDACTED] first suffered myocarditis due to coerced vaccination (in order to maintain her job), and then subsequently lost her job rather than take a booster shot that could cause further damage to her health;
- Lockdowns mentally affected my children, [REDACTED] (mental health support after the event is not an acceptable arrangement, as the damage has already been done); and

- My high-school-aged child was advised by the school principal to go behind her parents' backs to achieve "mature minor" status and therefore get Covid-vaccinated.

I trust the details I have provided herein are taken into account in the enquiry.