Submission for the COVID-19 Response Inquiry

One week notification for Covid-19 submissions just before Christmas, seems yet another assault and insult against those that deserve to have a chance to voice their story. Where to start? Perhaps with the Government trying to control everyone and everything. First, the Government gave themselves, the pharmaceutical companies and doctors exemptions for any issues that arose due to the vaccines. They then began a concerted scare campaign about a deadly flu, not allowing normal discourse, with media, Government and personalities encouraging abuse to anyone that questioned or refused the vaccines. They encouraged the stories of killing granny, being selfish if you did not follow every suggestion, direction and mandate. Authorities gave people the least amount of information if any, before using coercion to get people to inject themselves with vaccines that had never been widely tested or used before. The threat for most of being excluded from work, school, money, travel and life as we knew it was enough to push most past a place of reason.

Throughout my life, I have been challenged with difficult situations but have never backed down. Always questioning to get the best for my family and myself, especially when the answers were dismissive or incomplete. Looking back now, these experiences with the various medical services had prepared me for what occurred during the lockdowns, coercion, threats, calls of misinformation and ridicule.

When stories began to emerge from China and Italy, it was frightening but the continued media frenzy began to feel like overkill. The death count was rolled out daily, restaurants, shops and businesses started being closed, with masks and stay at home and sudden lockdowns began. Kids were allowed to go to school as they were low risk, but teachers pressured the Government to demand they close too. Information was coming out about Sweden of allowing people to choose how they wished to live, work, wearing a masks or not, socialising, eating out or isolating. They did make mistakes early on but realised if they protected the vulnerable, that the rest of the country could carry on as usual, without destroying businesses and people's mental health.

As a business owner, we saw the effect of Government decisions in many different industries. My business had been set up to be functional through cloud technology, enabling us to continue working with customers remotely, although the training component was abruptly halted. The fear being drummed up by the media and various Chief medical officers made so many terrified of being near people. Meetings stopped, with many businesses reducing their work outputs due to unavailable staff. Many unavailable for weeks due to Covid tests, with many having no symptoms but unable to attend work. Governments around the world created a chain reaction, shutting down workforces in the name of Covid. While it was purported to be deadly and quickly named a pandemic like the "black plague", in reality it seemed to really only seriously effect frail and/or elderly people or the very unwell.

The Australian Government veered between not reacting and then overreacting with an initial "let's see" attitude and then shutting our outside borders and ordering vaccines that were being rush through development to stop Covid-19. Purchasing so much of an unknown vaccine was expensive and wasteful.

- The State Governments did their own thing, shouldn't have been allowed.
- WA being shut off from anyone outside the State with few exemptions.
- For those that left WA, applying to re-enter between 5-8 times was common and having to self-fund isolation and testing.
- For people leaving to see sick and dying people, this was horrendous. No compassion or commonsense and hypocrisy with the ultra rich able to come and go at will.
- Australian citizens were left stranded overseas and interstate for months and in some cases for years. How is it possible for a democratic Government to deny a person who lives and works in Australia to enter?
- February 2020 I flew to Victoria from WA for my funeral. By the time we arrived back in Perth after a week, there was little food in the shops, no toilet paper, no supplies were accessible and borders were closed.

- We were stunned, what had happened? My and I developed a bit of a when back the doctor said due to our travel we probably had Covid. He wouldn't test as we had not been overseas but wouldn't see us, instead phoning and sending script to the pharmacy.
- Our customers were starting to feel the effects of the lockdowns, which for a food manufacturer resulted in sudden cancelled orders, despite their sourcing and producing the orders ready for shipment. This happened a number of times with sudden lockdowns closing restaurants/suppliers who didn't want to hold stock, placing massive financial stress on a family business.
- Others had only skeleton staff and abrupt staff absences couldn't be planned for. The pressure on many businesses to keep funding their staff and stock absorbed any financial buffers the owners had.
- We and many others took money from our Super funds to support their businesses, then were vilified by
 the media for doing so. Due to Government actions, stock delays resulted and some industry sectors, like
 automotive are still recovering. We were not paid by many customers for long periods and then only slowly.
 Their economic stress had a flow on effect. Some days felt like it may be over for some of our clients and we
 were getting very close to edge ourselves.
- The output of Government decisions could be seen in real time, with many businesses unable to continue after a lifetime of working, after shutdowns. Mainly large corporates could continue to operate normally, leaving a deficit of SME's.
- When questioned about shutting the whole Australian economy, the Governments Federal and State stated
 that they saved lives. They did not take into account the mental health, educational costs, strain on medical
 services, staff shortages and thoughtless policies with nursing homes were being serviced by staff taking
 Covid or the Flu from multiple places causing deaths. These mistakes are unforgivable and the Government
 agencies need to take responsibility for their part in this.
- The pharmaceutical companies promise of a vaccine to be developed and delivered in record time due to "innovatively" developing them at the same time as putting them through trialling/testing in months instead of the usual years, should have been examined more fully.
- I was not willing to blindly accept the Government, pharmaceutical and medical directives and after numerous discussions with my doctor regarding the abbreviated trials with insufficient data on safety & effectiveness.
- The vaccines have subsequently been proven to offer little protection and are not safe, causing injuries and deaths, much higher than is usual for other vaccines put through years of testing. The Government and officials that allowed this are culpable for this outcome.
- During the active Covid years, the decline in students learning, Universities accepting prior years learning as proof of academic ability, people's work being interrupted to home school. Students' mental health and their ability to socialise was severely affected by the fear spread by media, government, other students/parents & teachers.
- Government payments to businesses came late, considering how abruptly they shut down the economy. I
 faced discrimination from many businesses, who felt justified to demand to see my health information. I was
 not willing to show it, particularly at a shop. This was also at a time where there were no reported cases of
 Covid in Western Australia, yet were expected to follow what others around the world were doing, while no
 one could enter WA.
- My family and friends that were in Victoria were at the mercy of the Andrews lockdowns, which were the harshest in the world. My was a was a state of the action at a covid testing point in Victoria. She was clearly so terrified that in a call, she told me that I should not be allowed to take a hospital bed from a sick person that had been vaccinated and that she hoped I would die elsewhere. This didn't make sense if the vaccine worked, it would be me that needed the hospital bed, not a vaccinated person!
- It was a terrible time for many, where being called names, dubbed selfish, being ostracised by family and friends was almost to be celebrated by the virtuous vaccinated. To be called an anti-vaxer because of refusing one type of experimental vaccine was commonplace. My and I had built our business over many years & were now faced with a confronting, toxic and uncertain environment. If we had mandated people to take the Covid vaccine at our workplace, we as business owners would've been liable if staff became sick, not the Government, the pharmaceutical companies or the medical practitioners giving it. We were not protected but were enforced that staff were vaccinated.

- My had been going to a recovering from a recover
- I went to my office one weekend for a few hours & later stopped at a supermarket to get some supplies for dinner. As I was shopping, a staff member ran up to me demanding I put on a mask as an immediate lockdown had started at 4pm. I had no idea, as I had been at work & later found out that this lockdown was due to a truck driver at the border "testing positive" to Covid.
- In February 2022, I applied for an exemption by a GP practicing with traditional medicine too. Due to possible Covid previous year, I had a blood test & applied. I received a curt & rude response from Dr
 Consultant Immunologist, who said I should proceed with the vaccine of choice.
- At this time, clients, business associates, friends & family were showing the results of vaccine injuries. Remembering the exemptions, the doctors told these injured people, some permanently injured, that it was not because of the vaccine but something undetermined. The doctors carried out expensive tests uncover injury cause. My distrust of what was being forced onto people that wanted to work & at low risk if they got Covid had grown considerably. People I knew:
 - My had Moderna, he was was very & had was . The cardiologist said the anger from people forced to have vaccines to keep their jobs & then getting permanent heart issues was frequent and growing.
 - A had a Pfizer vaccine became & unable to run his business.
 - Another was rushed to hospital with a The nurse said that this was very common.
 - A number of people died at relatively young ages.
 - Another had a vaccine and developed
 - Another developed & then had a Due to lockdowns, he was not allowed anyone in the hospital and couldn't explain what happened due to his
 - People were told that they would not be able to work or get unemployment benefits if they did not comply by getting the vaccines. When people say they had no options, this is why.
 - There are many more stories.

I was so distressed by what was happening around the world, in Australia and in my own state that I felt compelled to run in the Federal election. I was going to protests in and the media was falsely reporting that there were only a few hundred people when there were thousands all the way. Due to running in the election, I was meeting a lot of people and was privy to a lot of stories of people that had lost their ability to work, their health or both. It defies belief that doctors are still not allowed to speak up or treat what is evidently vaccine injuries or they may lose their license to practice medicine.

The actions taken by Government agencies to put directives that people believe they have to follow, regardless of their wishes is unforgivable. The various legislation put in place giving extraordinary powers to police, removing or limiting people's choices and freedoms, should never have been possible in Australia as a democratic country. Medical practitioners have and still deny appropriate medical assistance to those with vaccine injuries. The threat over them has to be removed, so they are able to speak out and act to begin addressing the medical issues that are arising from vaccine injuries.

I continue to read the stories of how the Covid vaccines have changed people's lives permanently, as well as those that have lost everything. Moving to start in a new town, to work when they can, many in industries or professions not within their training and expertise, so they are able to choose how they want to live.

No one should dictate to Australians what they should put in their bodies to continue working or studying. Not government, no doctor or law should be allowed to do this in the future. Unless we are willing to change Australia from a Democracy to a Socialist or Communist Nation, this has to be forever prevented from happening again. The Covid actions and results by Sweden should be examined, as they ended up with less debt, having a more normal economy throughout and afterwards and better overall results for their citizens health outcomes.