Submission to the COVID-19 Response Inquiry

To the members of the Independent Panel

I am writing this submission to voice my concerns over several aspects of Australia's response to the Covid-19 pandemic. I applaud the inquiry's goal to improve pandemic preparedness, but I believe there are critical aspects of Australia's response that need to be properly reviewed to prevent the same errors from being repeated:

<u>Issues relating to Governance:</u>

Like many of my fellow Australians I was shocked to realise our prime minister had subsumed 5 ministerial roles enabling him to rule somewhat like a "dictator". It is hard to find alternative words for this dangerous breach of the limit of powers of democratically elected leaders. I have German/Jewish roots and I am all too aware of the methods used in Germanys past. I would never have thought this could occur in a country like Australia. In a similar fashion the state governments literally closed down and handed the running of the country over to a handful of unelected bureaucrats. I am not questioning their motives here - but how can citizens feel safe from harm when all the usual democratic safety valves are closed.

The level of police brutality displayed on the streets of Australian cities towards ordinary Australian citizens, using their constitutional rights to disagree and protest, was deplorable. Worst of all was the silence of parliamentarians speaking out against this violence. Fear has a way of shutting down rational discourse needed in a healthy flourishing society.

The economic, social and psychological impacts of the lockdowns were profound. Many of my friends lost their jobs just because they decided not to take a government proscribed medication. Forbidding families to be with their dying loved ones was a

shameful side effect of the lockdowns. I cannot even begin to imagine the anguish many elderly and their respective families experienced. Surely this decision should be up to those suffering and their loved ones. I do not believe a free and moral society can acceptably behave in this way.

It is clear that there was an unprecedented level of "fear messaging" from government and media, which at times lead to a degree of shaming and "othering" of people that is entirely Un-Australian. I sincerely hope that this independent panel will take a hard look at the communication strategies applied across the country that created an un-warranted degree of fear, stress and psychological pressure. It no-doubt has had serious negative outcomes, especially for the lesser fortunate members of our society.

<u>Issues with Key health responses:</u>

The Australian TGA in effect acted above and beyond what most citizens would naturally consider to be their role as an advisory panel. In an unprecedented act of "suppression" the TGA made it a criminal act to prescribe or take the drug 'Ivermectin'. Science is not done in a vacuum.

Whilst I can accept that there are different views from different scientific bodies on the effectiveness of drugs, what is irrefutable is the safety profile of this drug. Study after study has proven that this drug was a cheap, safe and effective drug in the early treatment of Covid.

Instead our response was to tell citizens to just wait at home until your symptoms demand hospitalisation. Scores of Doctors around the world alerted their respective governments of the success of this drug. In some countries it was hailed as a miracle cure and here in Australia we demonised the drug, labelling it as a "horse-dewormer", making a mockery of the true scientific process called debate research and review. World renowned Doctor resorted to writing a book about the censoring of this drug that in his medical opinion could have saved the lives of millions.

The Australian public was barraged with a now "debunked" narrative of a safe and effective vaccine, with stated efficacy of 90% that turned out to be completely false. In addition the public was lied to that the vaccine would prevent the spread of covid, whilst

government agencies such as the US FDA eventually conceded that this too was false. Large scale Cochrane studies have now substantially proven that the benefit of masking to prevent the spread of Covid is at best inconclusive. This hardly can be a sufficient justification to use Government and Police coercion to enforce statewide masking. The damage this has done to the children who lived through this period will be felt for decades. A recent Rasmussen poll in the USA has found that nearly a quarter of Americans know someone who died from Covid Vaccine side effects. Our government has not done nearly enough to follow up how much harm has been done to the Australian public and it is my sincere hope that this inquiry will be a step in the right direction.

Trust in government has been seriously eroded and unless this inquiry establishes the reasons why these failures occurred we are somewhat doomed to be subjected to them again. Finally I would like to state my categorical disagreement with the terms of reference of the inquiry, relating to the actions taken by the state and territory governments such as border closures. These closures were from my reading unconstitutional. Several expectant mothers & patients with serious & life threatening medical conditions were turned down from accessing urgent medical care in major cities simply because the premiers were so inflexible to allow an exemption. Some of these cases directly lead to serious bodily harm and even death. How could this happen in a country like Australia? We must do everything in our power to learn from these errors and put measures in place to prevent them from happening again.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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