Submission to the Covid-19 Response Inquiry

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I am submitting this response as an individual as I strongly believe a broader enquiry, including the responses of the States, is essential so that we (normal everyday Australians) but in particular, the Australian and State Governments and associated bureaucrats, learn from what was done to us over the 'pandemic' years to better prepare for the future 'scares'.

This is in light of the poor management of the covid responses thus far by the government.

My submission to the enquiry is detailed below and addresses the terms of reference provided:

Governance - including roles and responsibilities:

1. Decision-Making Processes:

- An inquiry needs to take place about the processes and mechanisms that took place regarding health decisions. Clearly many of the health decisions by government and senior bureaucrats were vastly wrong and an incredible overreach of powers not to mention the abuse of our bodily autonomy and intelligence.
- For example, how were decisions made about who got the 'vaccines'; mandates (coercion); PCR tests; why were vaccines warranted and recommended in various age groups; why were 'vaccines' forced (heavily pressured) on the population when they were, and still remain, in 'clinical' trial; where is the science in relation to the wearing of mask rules; quarantine rules; border restrictions; social distancing and lockdowns etc. What 'science' did the Government and bureaucrats use as clear evidence to take these decisions? Why wasn't this 'science' shared with anyone in the public that was interested/requested this basic information?
- Why was there so much secrecy, sophistry, censorship, and misinformation (from the government, bureaucrats, and media). This lack of transparency (which in part continues today) has caused a lot of angst, unrest, and distrust. We live in a democratic country and many people were 'shut down' because of their opinion and respectful questioning. There were pleas for information, transparency, and scientific evidence regarding the governmental hard hitting 'policies'/ decisions. But when the average person raised their concerns, they were either ridiculed, shut down or threatened with sanctions. All people were asking for was information so that they could make an informed decision on many of the sanctions imposed, but sadly we were not allowed to do this. This needs to be investigated as a matter of urgency.

2. Public Health Expertise:

 Who were the so called 'health experts' that were informing government and bureaucrats? Why did they not provide evidence that the public was requesting?
 Why did they not change or update their recommendations when information came to pass? For example, the TGA knew in February 2021 that the 'vaccines' were not safe nor effective and yet the 'vaccines' were, and continue to be, pushed onto the unwary public. In addition, from early 2020 there were other qualified and well experienced health professionals (with actual hands-on experience with covid patients) who were questioning the government agenda/decisions worldwide as well as in Australia. Why were these professionals censored, not promoted, and not taken seriously? The government chose to ignore and blindly continued with their decisions based on unscientific modelling (proven early in the 'pandemic' to be wildly incorrect – e.g. inaccurate modelling in early 2020 predicted an IFR of 3% where we knew early on (not long after the Diamond Princess situation) that the actual IFR was closer to .003% - and even that was overestimated due to mislabelling of cases and an unreliable PCR test.

• Please provide the science for your decisions – starting from the beginning of the 'pandemic' and continuing into today.

3. Communication Strategies:

- Why were there and continues to be no communication from government or media comparing the rate of infection, deaths, and side effects between the 'unvaccinated' and the 'vaccinated'? This data is available, but you have chosen not to 'run' it nor make it public.
- Why were health professionals censored with threat of deregistration if they asked questions re the health narrative!

4. Accountability Measures:

 When are the government, bureaucrats and media going to be made accountable for their misinformation and overreach? I do realise that this inquiry is Federally based however it MUST be expanded to include State level inquiries Australia wide.

Key health response measures:

- Why did the government look at 'cases' rather than 'deaths' as their measure of the 'pandemic'? This led to panic based on a 'casedemic' rather than a 'pandemic'. This is particularly alarming given that many people who were healthy with no symptoms were labelled incorrectly as covid cases.
- Why are 'vaccines' still being promoted given they are neither 'safe' or 'effective'.
 Where is your evidence to justify continued promotion? Have you read the latest scientific research you certainly should have. If you haven't and claim that you do not have this scientific research, then please contact me and I would be happy to share it with you.

Broader health supports for people impacted.

There is so much that needs investigating under these criteria however I will list just four which need addressing urgently: Firstly, why are the 'unvaccinated' still not allowed an organ transplant? Secondly why does the blood bank not differentiate between 'unvaccinated' and 'vaccinated' blood? The blood bank knows who has received the 'vaccination' – why aren't hospital patients who remain 'unvaccinated' allowed to choose to receive 'unvaccinated' blood if they require it? Thirdly, why isn't there an inquiry into the sudden rise in excess deaths (non-covid related). If we were subjected to a daily count of covid cases during the 'pandemic' why are the alarming increases in non-explained excess deaths not being reported and investigated? Fourthly, why were Psychologist silenced by the APHRA statement – psychologists in particular should be allowed to help understand situations –

this is necessary through questioning and understanding situations. The silencing of Psychologists is shameful.

International policies to support Australians.

- Why did we follow generic WHO recommendations when we are very different to many highdensity countries around the world? We can not have a 'one solution fits all' to a health crisis (similarly health care should always be individually based and not 'consensus medicine').
- Why did no one in authority question why the WHO changed the definition of many terms including the definition of the word 'pandemic' and why did WHO radically and completely change their pandemic response protocols between 2019 and 2020?

Support for industry and business

Many small businesses were not adequately supported or compensated during the
overreach in the 'pandemic' period. This is especially true for 'unvaccinated' health
professionals who were not allowed to run their business according to protocol. Government
overreach caused much distress – both emotionally and financially.

Financial support for individuals

 Why wasn't financial support given fairly across the population. Many people we know benefited greatly and unfairly financially for government handouts. What is the rationale regarding the handouts? For example, why did the unemployed get financials bonuses when their cost of living did not change (they did not lose their job nor did their costs go up). However, the self-employed, small businesses and individual health practitioners suffered greatly financially (and emotionally).

Community supports.

• Why was community support mainly only 'open' to the 'vaccinated'. The 'unvaccinated' were harassed, bullied, and treated like lepers. They were not allowed to participate in many social activities and were even restricted to where they could get a cup of coffee etc.

Mechanisms to better target further responses to needs of particular populations

- Due to the page limitation you have put on our submissions I have not been able to expand on many points nor have I put in any supporting documents etc.
- However, I believe I do not need to put in any supporting documents as YOU should already have the growing and updated research (if you are doing your job correctly).
- Much of this data has been available to anyone since early-mid 2020 and it has been growing.
- If, however you DON'T have this evidence then I am more than happy to share it with you just reach out to me or do a quick search of research and independent media outlets (sadly many of the mainstream media and data outlets are still heavily censored and restricted). Likewise, if you would like me to put you in touch with some scientists and medical experts who have researched and experienced the real covid situation then please contact me.

Sincerely,

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