

My mother was completely paralysed [REDACTED] from the beginning of the pandemic and died six months later. She lived in Victoria and I needed to travel from interstate in order to visit her.

It has now come to my attention that Australia had pandemic plans to varying degrees. I know that Victoria had one, as did the Commonwealth. I think the inquiry should look at what the plans said ought to be done and compare it with what was actually done. Instead of following the plans, all governments decided to copy the approach of totalitarian regime [REDACTED] by effectively locking us up. Why bother having plans at all if you don't intend to follow them?

Second, it became evident quite early on that the virus affected certain cohorts of people more than others, [REDACTED]. Why were there blanket restrictions on the entire population instead of having targeted restrictions or recommendations? Sweden for example, followed its pandemic plan and did not lock down its citizens.

During the whole pandemic the focus was always maintaining the fear - counts of cases as opposed to actual counts of death. There was never any positive or encouraging news on the vast numbers of people who recovered.

I was and still am completely and utterly appalled that the Federal Government did nothing to keep the state borders open during this time. I am appalled and extremely bitter that I needed *permission* to visit my dying mother. I have relatives in Europe and travel between states in Germany was never restricted.

Furthermore, during the height of the madness, I was only allowed to visit my mother for 1 hour per week. Let that sink in – ONE HOUR PER WEEK. She was dying. There was no hope she would recover. She wanted and craved the affection of her family. And this was denied to her by a callous and evil dictator in Victoria.

I'm also appalled that the Queensland Government did something similar by not allowing a pregnant lady in Tweed Heads to be treated in Brisbane – "Queensland Hospitals are for Queenslanders" or words to that effect is what the QLD premier stated. Last time I looked I have a *Commonwealth* medicare card which I thought entitled me to treatment in any Australian hospital. I'm pretty sure that some of my medicare levy finds its way into Queensland hospitals. Absolutely disgusting.

Yours sincerely

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