

My name is Dr [REDACTED] and I am currently working as a general practitioner in Western Australia. As a health professional, I have witnessed the detrimental effect of emergency measures (including lockdowns, vaccine mandates and mandatory mask wearing) to many of my patients' mental and physical health.

As a doctor, I have great concerns in how the government and chief health officer had managed the recent COVID pandemic. Some of these concerns are:

- I have first-hand experience of treating patients with severe irreversible adverse effects caused by the COVID vaccine. Many of them were "forced" or "coerced" into having the vaccine to keep their job. The first duty of a health practitioner is the Hippocratic oath; "first do no harm." This is underpinned by the principle of "informed consent." The government's response to the recent pandemic clearly violated these basic human rights.
- In hindsight, we can clearly see that the COVID vaccinations have no benefit in preventing transmission or infection, but on the contrary, have caused harmful side effects and even death.
- I am aware that a few of my colleagues were reprimanded at best or deregistered at worse because they stood up and voiced their concerns during the pandemic. Instead of being heard, their side of the story was silenced.
- Too much power was given to the state government through the "emergency powers" resulting in draconian rules being passed without due regard for democratic process, especially in states like Western Australia.

How problems can be addressed in future pandemics:

- It is important that medical professionals are given the freedom to voice their concerns based on their expertise. Censoring only results in bias as only the government's approved information was allowed to be heard.
- Regardless of the impending danger of a pandemic, it is crucial that basic scientific process be utilized to evaluate new and unproved preventative measures, rather than rushing and mandating treatments to the public without considering the possible long term side effects of such measures (including lock-down and vaccination).
- Lastly, it is vital that government policy not come between a doctor-patient relationship. The result of removing a doctor's authority to prescribe off-label treatment (e.g. Ivermectin and Hydroxychloroquine) by the government jeopardizes a doctor's professional judgement to do what is best for their patient.