<u>Commonwealth Government Covid-19 Response Inquiry Submission</u>

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I am making this submission with the hope that as a result of the evidence and accusations put forward that the Government will treat this inquiry with the due diligence that the Australian people deserve and expand the terms of reference to include the unilateral actions of state and territory governments and expand the enquiry to be conducted as a full Royal Commission with the powers to charge individuals with crimes conducted during the period March 2020-December 2023, whether deliberate or through negligence.

As a result of the actions of state and federal governments over the past 4 years, I have very little faith that this Inquiry is an adequate response or review into what has been described as the biggest public health disaster in Australia in the past 100 years. Mainly because it was the actions of the governments at state and federal level that exacerbated the situation unnecessarily and that a lot of those responsible for the poor decision making that led to such dreadful health and socioeconomic outcomes still hold office or have moved on to very influential positions within private enterprise and will likely be protected by those conducting this "Inquiry."

So, reluctantly it is with great disdain and very little respect for the government and its inquiry I put forth the following in regards to three of the current terms of reference:

 Governance including the role of the Commonwealth Government, responsibilities of state and territory governments, national governance mechanisms (such as National Cabinet, the National Coordination Mechanism and the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee) and advisory bodies supporting responses to COVID-19.

It was the calling of "National Cabinet" by then Prime-Minister Scott Morrison where I believe the government's response went from mediocre to calamitous. It was incredibly apparent that the roles and responsibilities of each level of government with regard to managing a pandemic were poorly understood despite numerous bureaucrats and advisors being employed whose job it is to know exactly what actions are to be taken by each level of government should such an event occur. Advice from certain subject matter experts should then be considered in order to tailor the response with nuance and in accordance with the law to ensure not only the best possible health outcomes but to ensure the constitutional rights of Australians aren't breached and trampled on.

It was this original lack of clarity and understanding of job role that led to catastrophic levels of confusion at various levels of the response. As such I demand that all minutes of National Cabinet meetings be released to the public and investigated by a Royal Commission. It will then be necessary to see that the appropriate legal actions be taken against individuals who

sat in national cabinet and who's negligence and decision making contributed to the deaths of thousands of Australians.

 Key health response measures (for example across COVID-19 vaccinations and treatments, key medical supplies such as personal protective equipment, quarantine facilities, and public health messaging)

Firstly I believe that they key principle of proportionality. A key goal of the national and state health responses would be to achieve a response that is proportionate to the level of risk. Noting that the risk of Covid19 was demonstrably variable across certain population groups, especially by age. The response of state and federal government when locking down and mandating vaccines for people under the age of 60 bears no semblance of proportionality and warrants a full public explanation as to why such decisions were made. A Royal Commission should then investigate which public leaders and bureaucrats responsible for the decisions that flew in the face of science and proportionality are responsible and make the appropriate legal arrangements to see them trialled.

With regard to the "Vaccinations." There has been much public discourse with regard to the vaccinations lack of safety and efficacy. I shall refrain from adding my own personal opinion in this forum. We have been able to observe in real time the vaccines complete lack of ability to stop transmission of covid-19 in the community and with the amount of death and injury (DAEN, 2023¹) that are objectively attributable to the vaccine by the governments own figures it is now not even up for debate that the vaccines are unsafe and ineffective. With that knowledge I call for a Royal Commission to look into and investigate the 449 deaths and 80 000+ Injuries and make relevant legal arrangements against the relevant decision makers who mandated the injection in certain industries, so that the families of those killed and injured can not only be compensated but see justice for those responsible finally be served.

It is no secret that the TGA for an as yet unexplained reason banned the prescribing of Ivermectin and Hydroxychloroquine which were at the time known to without doubt reduce Covid19 hospitalisations and deaths.

A Royal Commission must investigate this decision by the TGA and its leadership to deny the Australian people access to cheap, safe and effective medication in the middle of a pandemic and make the appropriate legal arrangements to see the TGAs leadership at the time of this decision put on trial.

 Mechanisms to better target future responses to the needs of particular populations (including across genders, age groups, socio-economic status, geographic location, people with disability, First Nations peoples and communities and people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities)

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¹ https://daen.tga.gov.au/medicines-search/

The decision making and complete lack of intergovernmental agencies coherence during the Covid19 pandemic will forever remain a blight on Australian history.

Extreme measures were imposed that were never justified by either the data or common sense. Those responsible, did so knowing full well that their actions would destroy the lives, businesses, happiness and well-being of millions. Which is what happened.

You can't just shut down society without causing catastrophic damage to people's health, finances, social relations, education and a lot more.

Churches were shut, schools closed, borders barricaded, people detained at home and businesses shuttered. Draconian restrictions and penalties imposed and all our constitutional and common law rights, trashed beyond repair.

And now we are left to deal with the socio-economic fallout: business and career losses, family breakdowns, suicide, bitter social divisions, economic collapse, supply chain chaos, soaring inflation, and a complete meltdown of the social fabric and public trust.

Politicians and bureaucrats single-handedly turned a manageable pandemic into an apocalyptic nightmare from which our society may never recover. They failed at their jobs and as human beings.

And yet there is still no Royal Commission, no apology, no accountability and no act of atonement.

"We didn't know" wasn't an acceptable excuse in Germany of 1945 and it's not acceptable today.

Now – A Royal Commission with the full legal powers to prosecute at an absolute minimum, the following people, for trampling on the freedoms of all Australians must be conducted:

Scott Morrison
Anthony Albanese
Dan Andrews
Anastasia Palasczczuk
Gladys Berejiklian
Dom Perrotet
Michael Gunner

Steven Marshall

Jeanette young

Brett Sutton

Kerry Chant

Greg Hunt

Shane Patton

Jamie Chalker

John Skerritt

Michael Kidd

Mark Bodycoat

Mark Bailey Mark McGowan John Gerrard

It's honestly a damn shame that the vaccines never worked and so many people lost their livelihoods because of them. The Punishment of the above individuals must be severe enough as a deterrent that this never occurs again.

Shame on them all.