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Submission -Covid 19 Response.

Introduction:

My name is Rachel Byrne and during the first part of the pandemic I worked as a mental health support worker in the community. When vaccine mandates came into effect, I was terminated from my position on the 11th of November 2021 for refusal to take the vaccine. I had 7 years experience and am degree qualified. I was passionate about the people I worked alongside (Societies most vulnerable people).

██████████ had a similar story. He worked for ██████████
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His career ended as well.

Alongside our devastating job losses, ██████████ was approximately 12 weeks from finishing his ██████████ apprenticeship. His work mandated the vax as well and they told him that he would be fired, and his apprenticeship stripped from him. We contacted NSW Education and training. We were advised that they could not take his apprenticeship, but they may not let him finish. I was told by a compassionate woman in that office that she was scrambling to help many young apprentices in the same position. ██████████ was forced to get the vaccine and took one shot at the ██████████ vaccination event ██████████. He somehow managed to finish the apprenticeship as the dates worked out and was subsequently terminated as he refused to take the second vaccination. The pressure from this, the media and the government were too much and few months later he got to the point where he was very seriously contemplating ██████████ at ██████████ years of age. I thank God that he didn't do it and as I write about this time, I have tears in my eyes because we came so close to losing him. All the while our government tried to starve my family into submission, Federal and State. They encouraged business to mandate the vaccine and incited hatred amongst the community. The Government also introduced mandates themselves. We survived on our savings and suffered significant financial loss, but the emotional damage will stay with us the rest of our lives. We live in ██████████ and we were not allowed in shops, have a haircut and the GP refused to see us. I did not get to say goodbye to my dying mother-in-law in person. I had to face time her. At one point we could not leave our suburb without an application on a government website because we were unvaccinated. It felt like the 1940s and 50s. This was after most other people could move freely. Daily, we had Federal and State politicians spouting propaganda and fear on the television and it whipped the public into a frenzy. I had a person online tell me that protestors should have ██████████. I have no other conclusion than the Government tried to starve dissenters into submission. It is a very dark time in Australian history (Australia has done some pretty bad things in the past as well) and I will never forgive the Australian Government (both sides) for what they did to the Australian people.

Impact on the community

More broadly I worked for most of the pandemic as an essential worker.

I worked for [REDACTED] initially then I worked for [REDACTED] as a mental health support worker. I saw the shocking devastation on the community as I was able to drive around [REDACTED] I saw business closed, business that had obviously gone bust and a totally deserted city. The people who I worked with had [REDACTED]. Most of our consumers lived alone and as most Services tried to limit face to face they became increasingly isolated. Many services started to offer phone call only in place of physical visits. Only doing face to face for specific and limited reasons. I always volunteered to go and see people in person in the team meetings. To Make sure they were well, they were keeping clean, they had food.

Some consumers with social anxiety and agoraphobia really became worse. These people regressed terribly during the lock down. Not having to face their fears or receive treatment, they retreated into their illness, staying at home and never seeing anyone for vast periods of time.

Some mentally ill people need to be seen to maintain their health and also for a visual check. It is very hard to note how a person is doing over the phone. You must see them.

I note that two people that I know in the community who had serious mental health and physical issues died during the lock downs. One in his 40s and a women in her 50s. Both of those people lived alone and I believe that their deaths were hastened by these lock downs. They were not being seen regularly, they had health problems and were probably not seeing their doctor. Who knows if they were eating properly, they certainly didn't get the healthcare they needed. The police found them in their homes. I am very angry at what the Government did. They killed people. We will never know how many died unnecessarily to suicide, untreated medical problems, neglect. It would be a staggering number.

I also note that everyday the NSW Government was reporting every so called covid death on the television. I remember Gladys and the Health Minister saying two people from Palliative care had died of covid UNVACCINATED. If that is not deceptive, I don't what is. They did not die from Covid, They were already dying. Why would they possibly get vaccinated if they were already in palliative care? It was incredible, incredible propaganda. This type of lying happened over and over.

[REDACTED] and I got Covid. [REDACTED] I have only covid once and got over it in 3 days, unvaccinated. [REDACTED] got a runny nose. All of this trauma pushed onto healthy People who should have been allowed to make their own choice.

I have not returned to my industry despite the shortages. I am traumatised and although I want to go back ,unbelievably some companies are still requiring vaccination (shots people had in 2021 that don't work and wear off). It doesn't really make sense; we are now in 2023. I am making this submission as I want future generations to know what Australian politicians, the media and bureaucrats did to Australian citizens.