

## **Submission to the Covid 19 Response Inquiry**

### **Introduction:**

I am an Australian citizen living in [REDACTED] where I was born. I hope the committee will read and consider my submission. I am a [REDACTED] year old woman and up until the beginning of 2022, I was an [REDACTED] teacher working in private education in [REDACTED]. I have always been a responsible, law abiding, taxpaying citizen in our free and democratic country. My life has been turned upside down by our government's response to the covid pandemic. [REDACTED] had his first dose of the Pfizer vaccine in [REDACTED] and had a severe adverse reaction consisting of myocarditis, atrial fibrillation and severe heart failure. He was then unable to get an exemption for his second dose and was unable to work as normal. In November 2021, the Qld Government brought in a vaccine mandate for teachers for the beginning of the 2022 school year. I requested to take my long service leave to look after [REDACTED] until the mandates were dropped, which they were after 2 terms. This was denied and my employment was terminated after [REDACTED] years of exemplary service. I believe the Australian public deserve and need a full Royal Commission that looks into the Federal and State Government response to the covid pandemic in order to understand what went wrong and prevent mistakes from happening in the future.

### **Terms of Reference:**

#### **Governance:**

Australia had an existing pandemic preparedness plan prior to covid. This was tossed aside and the Government instead followed advice from the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the FDA and CDC in the United States of America. This advice was based on early modelling which over estimated the lethality of the virus. As new data emerged indicating that the death rate was 0.4% and not 4% as modelled, response measures continued as before this knowledge became clear. Measures such as extended lockdowns, quarantining of close contacts, school closures, mask and vaccine mandates caused much harm and any benefits are unclear.

The National Cabinet that was formed by the Prime Minister, the Health Minister, the State Premiers and the State Chief Health Officers. Decisions were made at these National Cabinet Meetings that affected all Australians. However, we still have not seen the minutes from these meetings.

#### **Key health response measures vaccines, treatments, masks, quarantine and health messaging:**

We were all told just two weeks to flatten the curve. That turned into extended lock downs, state border closures, tracking and tracing close contacts, mask mandates and school closures. Then we were told that the only way out of the pandemic was a vaccine. Early treatment options which were having success in other countries were banned here. We were told there was no treatment for covid. We were told we couldn't open the borders until we reached 95% vaccination rate. We were told only the vaccinated were allowed to go to certain places with a vaccine passport. The Federal Government did nothing about this discrimination.

Then we were told that the vaccines were safe and effective, even though the mRNA technology was never used for vaccines before. Greg Hunt, as the Health Minister told Australians that we were in the biggest pharmaceutical trial in history. Then they mandated the vaccines for many professions. The Federal Government did nothing about the discrimination people faced for refusing to participate in the world's largest clinical trial. This contravenes the Nuremberg code. Coercion is not an acceptable part of informed consent. It was clear very early in the vaccine rollout that they did not stop infection or transmission.

There have been a significant number of deaths and adverse reactions recorded for the Covid vaccines. The TGA and ATAGI have not done their job of protecting Australians from unsafe pharmaceutical products. They have ignored the strong safety signals and still tell us these products are safe and effective. They are obviously not effective as we find ourselves now in the 9<sup>th</sup> wave of covid. Please see attached documents.

**Mechanisms to better target future responses:**

We must ensure we have a full Royal Commission into the Federal and State Government responses to the pandemic so the failures we experienced during the covid pandemic never happen again.

We must never again give pharmaceutical companies indemnity for vaccines even if they are under emergency use authorisation. These vaccines have failed and have caused much harm.

We must retain our sovereignty and control over our response to health challenges here in Australia and do not rely on following the FDA or CDC or the WHO. We must not sign up to the amendments to the International Health Regulations or the WHO pandemic instrument/accord.

We must change the funding of the TGA from industry funding to government funding to eliminate conflicts of interest.