

To whom it may concern.

I am a concerned individual that has felt the Government has failed myself and my family over the past three years.

The following considerations are made under the terms of reference including, key health response measures, governance, including roles and responsibilities, and Individual's rights to medical freedom (other).

There is a critical need for the Federal Government to review it's actions during the COVID response, and make some substantial changes to protect citizens of Australia into the future.

The Federal government failed to protect Australians from being unfairly discriminated against. The Federal Government could have legislated to protect individual's personal and medical freedoms, by bringing into law provisions to make illegal the mandating of vaccinations or by making it discrimination to mandate or even ask for people's vaccination status. Private health issues should be protected like any other category protected under our Discrimination legislation.

It is also evident the Federal Government has wasted a huge amount of money on vaccines that have not been used. This was a huge cost to taxpayers, and these vaccines have now been discarded. There needs to be some review conducted on why the Government purchased in the order of seven plus doses per person in Australia. This was a poor decision and without basis. There is no medical argument for purchasing so many doses of the initial vaccine, especially when it was known the virus was evolving so quickly.

Another key aspect for review is the extent of misinformation provided by the Government and agencies around the vaccines, so it is important the government review why it pushed these so mercilessly. Given their lack of effectiveness the vaccines represented a false promise to many that took them. They were initially claimed by the Government to stop COVID, which was subsequently and incrementally wound back to them being able to stop transmission, and then wound back further to being able to decrease severity.

The value of these vaccines is very questionable given the vast majority of deaths from COVID are in the vaccinated cohort, and that perhaps the Federal Government gave false hope to vulnerable that the vaccine would save them. There is also growing evidence of significant harms from the vaccines. A member of my family had a reaction to their initial jab, that involved [REDACTED], and involved trip to hospital and a lot of explorative procedures. There was no desire on the part of my partner to take the vaccination (being of good health and young with almost no risk from COVID) until their workplace mandated this, only to revoke it soon after. This harm could have been prevented if this sort of discrimination was made illegal by the Federal Government.

The government must review why it promoted these so strongly, given how much of a failure they were. It should be a lesson for future Governments that good information and education is admirable, but promoting such a suspect product as the saviour was a negligent thing to do given the damage done.

In conclusion, I recommend that the Federal Government should now do it's best to learn from the myriad of mistakes it made, and from that of other Governments, and come up with some guidelines on how to respond more effectively in the future.

Reverting to a plan more akin to the Pandemic Response Guidelines pre-2020 would be a good start, along with implementing some learnings that don't discriminate against healthy people that want to make their own health choices, that don't push a hastily produced product as the only answer that amounts to false hope, and importantly don't tread all over individual rights.

Yours Faithfully

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