

I would like to submit a response requesting a proper Royal Commission and investigation into the COVID response taken by this country, the processes taken by the government in the procurement of the vaccines, the approval process by the TGA for granting emergency use authorisation of the vaccines when other safer and effective options were available, ineffective use of mask mandates, lockdowns, vaccine mandates, censoring of people who didn't support the governments narrative, misinformation by the government and media outlets, vaccine adverse event reporting, and the discrimination of those that are unvaccinated.

This mandate has affected me in many ways both mentally, physically and financially.

I worked for Queensland Health at the Bundaberg Hospital for 14.5 years and have worked my way to be one of the senior Physiotherapists at the Hospital. I have acted as the Director of Physiotherapy many times in the past. This has now effectively stopped my career progression and has ended my Physiotherapy career now with Queensland Health as I am unable to work in the public setting.

The mandates meant that I was not able to work in my profession for 18 months or make any income from my profession. I have struggled mentally to come to terms with being banned from working in the profession that I love for making an educated and informed decision about my own healthcare needs. Not being able to provide an income for my family was also very mentally draining and stressful.

Prior to being told I cannot work at the hospital anymore, I applied for the only position above my clinical position and was told that I had made merit for the interview process. The process was halted once the mandate came into effect, and this may have caused me loss of future income if I had been the successful candidate for the position.

I not only lost my ability to work, but also many of my friends due to the segregation and discrimination for making an informed decision based on the available data and research. The Queensland Government didn't provide any of the evidence, research, or data by which they based their recommendations and mandates on when I asked.

There is no wonder that many clinicians are hesitant as the research is simply not being provided for us to make those decisions.

I have also seen many of the adverse reactions happen to friends and work colleagues which make me even more hesitant and stressed at the thought that the Government is trying to force us to get the injection.

The hospital has now lost and experienced staff member that used to work in any area of the hospital, used to train staff across the district and provide excellent care to the patients that presented to the hospital. All of this is leading to poorer patient outcomes and service delivery by the hospital.