## Submission to the Covid-19 Response Inquiry

My personal circumstances are unimportant, except in this regard: my desire to see politicians, along with their flunkies in the bureaucracy and media, brought to account for the upheaval, pain and misery they inflicted upon Australians during the years of covid madness.

The federal government is clearly not sincere in any stated intention toward this end. This is evidenced by what is NOT to be examined by this inquiry:

Actions taken unilaterally by state and territory governments have been placed outside the inquiry's terms of reference.

State Premiers and health officers held centre stage for much of the last four years, using covid as a spotlight in which they could shine. Daily, from the podium, they used case statistics obtained with unreliable testing methods to deliver big scary numbers. Actual deaths from the virus, meanwhile, remained very low.

They enthusiastically promoted vaccine mandates, lockdowns, and masking - all of which were already known to be ineffective at best in the circumstances which supposedly prevailed.<sup>1</sup>

I call upon the federal government to accept its responsibility to Australians - to reframe the terms of reference for this inquiry and include the actions taken by state and territory governments.

To ignore their role is akin to investigating the loss of the Titanic and refusing to acknowledge even the possibility that its sinking may have an involved an iceberg.

Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup>Nick Hudson - <u>The ugly truth about the covid-19 lockdowns.</u> Archive.org.