

TO: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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RE: Commonwealth Government COVID-19 Response Inquiry

Dear Officer

I am a retired lawyer and engineer and write to you with great concern about how the COVID 19 crisis ("the crisis") was handled by the government.

In 2020 when the crisis began there was in place a perfectly good Australian Health Management Plan for Pandemic Influenza . This had been revised in 2019 and yet was totally ignored by Commonwealth and State governments.

Why was that the case?

Who decided not to follow this plan and what was their justification?

Instead of following this management plan, a totally heavy handed and dictatorial approach was adopted in Australia and curiously the same thing occurred around the world as many nations applied exactly the same strategies in lock step. About the only western country that did not do so was Sweden.

Additionally, the tried and tested approach in the public sector has been to apply risk benefit analysis to assess the best policy decisions. Again, in March 2020, this concept was completely disregarded in favour of policies that decimated and destroyed thousands of small businesses not deemed essential (curiously bottle shops were left open), deprived children of schooling and socialising during very formative years, led to a huge increase in suicide, depression and mental illness, divided families, friends and communities due to vaccine mandates, locked perfectly healthy people up at home due to unjustified lock downs and curfews, treated perfectly healthy asymptomatic people like lepers due to a positive result on a totally unreliable PCR test whose inventor had said was not intended for diagnosis purposes, and caused many people to lose their jobs due to exerting their right to refuse a medical procedure without informed consent.

All this devastation, and more, afflicted the Australian public all because of a coronavirus with an infection fatality rate no worse than a bad seasonal flu. So where was the risk benefit analysis in deciding to destroy Australia because of something no more deadly than a bad flu season?

Secondly, why did the Commonwealth government allow State governments and private sector companies to impose vaccine mandates in violation of the Australian public's right to receive informed consent on medical treatments, and to not suffer discrimination based on

their medical records? Why were State governments permitted to introduce vaccine passes in contravention of the right to privacy of medical information?

Thirdly, why did the Commonwealth Government at many different levels parrot the falsehood that the vaccines were 'safe and effective'? How can the TGA ignore years of work and protocol in ensuring the safety of previous vaccines and accept the claim of the manufacturers of emergency use authorisation vaccines created in a matter of months, which should have taken several years of trials before being made available on the market?

At the very least, the TGA should have made these experimental mRNA vaccines only available with an informed consent warning that they had not undergone full clinical trial testing and that the public should be aware that there may be adverse side effects. But neither they nor Government and State health ministers said anything other than 'safe and effective'.

The DAEN database tells a very different story that has been completely ignored and overlooked by the TGA, Federal and State governments, all health ministers, the media, in fact everyone who should have been looking and reacting to data as it was collected.

For the nearly 40 years from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1971 to 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 for all vaccinations given in Australia for everything (childhood, travel, flu etc) excluding Covid there were -

18,250 reports of adverse events and 59 reported deaths associated with those vaccines in nearly 40 years. It would appear that the TGA had been doing its job and keeping the Australian public safe for those 40 years.

However, in the 2 years and 5 months from 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023 for just the 4 Covid vaccines there were -

138,293 reports of adverse events and 986 reported deaths associated with the 4 vaccines. This is completely unacceptable and should have prompted the TGA to withdraw the vaccines from the market, but they are still being pushed on the public.

By way of comparison, in the US in the early 2000s when a swine flu vaccine was introduced, the vaccine was pulled from the market by the FDA after only about 12 deaths.

The Commonwealth Government response to the crisis was ill thought out, deviated from standard practices that were well established for no good reason, was extremely heavy handed by allowing the States to act independently with no coordinated approach and the people of Australia have been let down by the very agency, TGA, that should have been doing their job to protect us. Where is the evidence to show that the vaccines saved any lives? There are claims that it may have made the symptoms of Covid less severe, but this is purely anecdotal.

If a vaccine is effective, then one or possibly 2 shots should provide the desired immunity from a disease. Many people received several boosters on top of the initial two shots and they still came down with Covid, so how can the vaccines possibly be called effective under those circumstances?

Please investigate these deficiencies in response.

Sincerely,

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