

I am writing to submit my experiences and concerns for consideration in the Commonwealth Government Covid-19 Response Inquiry with regards to **key health response measures and mechanisms to better target future responses** to the needs of particular populations.

My submission pertains to the strong coercion to take a covid vaccine to retain employment at my workplace and the failure of the Federal Government to protect our rights to bodily sovereignty.

Key Health Response Measures

I am an Australian citizen, with basic human rights to bodily sovereignty and autonomy, which I thought were also enshrined in the Australian Constitution and guaranteed by many other international codes on Human Rights and bioethics to which Australia is a signatory.

Why did the Federal Government abandon our basic human rights when States and employers were mandating (as a 'policy', to which one must adhere or lose their job) provisionally approved novel covid injections to employees, with no long term or even short-term side effect studies (including no genotoxicity or carcinogenicity studies), which were breaches of our basic human rights to bodily autonomy?

I will refer to a FairWork statement earlier that an employer **could not** mandate covid vaccinations – Source:

https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/decisionssigned/html/2021fwcfb6015.htm?fbclid=IwAR0QdMXk-DP_2kin6Jz3bfyDHGuqREb2WT4xFT9fCUyHv21aGEQsQ2OukJw

From Section [110] onwards the statement is VERY SPECIFIC about a covid vaccine mandate and the fact that any such mandate would violate an Australian citizen's rights under the Australian Constitution and other international laws and codes.

So, what happened here?

In this free country??

How were private bosses and corporations able to dictate what medications people put into their bodies? Bosses who were not medical specialists, nor doctors, under the guise of 'policy', a company policy should not be able extend to your medical choices and breach the constitution or international human rights and bioethics codes.

Vice President Hatcher and Commissioner Riordan of FairWork are not legal novices, and their interpretation of an employee's rights (as mentioned above) would not have been a misinterpretation on their behalf, so what happened to our legal rights?

Yet again I would have thought the Federal Government is there to **stop** this kind of coercion being wrought upon its citizens.

The potential for medical disaster should be obvious given mistakes made with novel medications in the past (hence why bioethics codes exist) and coercion or disadvantage individuals may face in the workplace due to vaccination requirements deserves careful examination, in my opinion this practice of covid (or other) vaccine mandates should be

firmly **outlawed** in light of the high amount injuries and deaths reported to the TGA's DAEN system.

Why did the Federal Government allow such a state of affairs to happen in the first place?

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In fact, if this vaccine was just **voluntary**, there wouldn't be this mess, so why did the Federal Government allow such behaviour?

Mechanisms to Better Target Future Responses

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Yet again, if this vaccine was just voluntary, there wouldn't be this mess, why did the Federal Government not step in to protect its citizens? Many are reported dead or injured due to the TGA's DAEN, which is a large-scale early warning system, upon such a signal the medication should have been withdrawn at the first hint of danger and other alternatives explored... NONE OF THAT HAPPENED... yet the mandates were still allowed to push on via 'policy' in workplaces.

In my own workplace an employee (in one of our offices, interstate) had already been hospitalised with vaccine confirmed pericarditis, you'd think the mandate would have ceased on Occupational Health and Safety grounds instantly. Yet the dangerous policy of mandates was still pushed regardless. Surely the madness of this situation cannot be allowed to repeat.

I believe no one should be coerced into such a situation, especially where no regard or respect has been given to bodily autonomy, long term side effects, serious side effects, a person's own unique medical situation or the fact that once Covid has been contracted the recovered person now has natural immunity.

No one should be threatened with job loss or harassed by their employer to take a novel medication to retain their employment - especially in light that this medication does not stop contraction or transmission, and the fact that these products are at best investigational with no long term or even short-term safety studies to establish side effects or potential death.

The future mechanisms to better target future responses should first and foremost be devoid of any medical "mandates", especially new medical technology, and any push by an employer to mandate should result in severe legal reprimand by the Federal Government.

Future responses should also allow a doctor and his or her patient to consult and decide on the best course of treatment without regulatory interference from AHPRA or the TGA.

Messaging such as ‘safe and effective’ should be clearer to spell out the unknowns of long-term side effects and unknown outcomes, ‘safe and effective’ was a scientific impossibility from the start, as the technology was novel and the clinical trials were extremely brief.

My submission with regards to key health response measures and mechanisms to better target future responses ends here.

Thank you for your time

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