

## **To the Australian Government COVID-19 Response Inquiry Taskforce:**

I am making this submission as an individual who was severely socially, economically and emotionally impacted by the decisions made by our government at various stages of the pandemic, and by the subsequent efforts to whitewash the clear (to me) violations of basic human rights that were perpetrated (and factually encouraged) against myself and fellow Australians by government actions, policies, censorship, misinformation, economic decisions, medical interventions, and restriction of liberties.

Never before has the Australian government taken such a totalitarian role in the lives of Australians, and yet we have so far passed through this draconian era without a Royal Commission.

I once had a great deal of admiration and respect for the “system” in Australia, and the principles of equality and a “fair go” on which it was founded.

I have lost my faith in the system, and am now deeply distrustful of our government as a result.

Only by a Royal Commission do I feel that my trust might be regained.

The specific matters I take the most severe exception to, and wish to be fully investigated, are as follows:

- The relentless propaganda against the unvaccinated, which sought to divide our nation, our workplaces, our friendships, and even our families, through an extremely distressing time in history, when people needed more than ever to be united and compassionate. I am adamant that this approach was unfounded and unjustifiable, and caused untold damage to the social fabric of our country. I, for one, bear emotional scars that will not heal until a Royal Commission finds this to have been improper and unconscionable.
- There is justifiable suspicion of corrupt vaccine procurement and secret contracts, given the magnitude of money that was so hastily dished out to massive pharmaceutical companies with histories of dishonest dealings, for poorly trialled vaccines which have injured so many. This should be the matter of a full inquiry by way of a Royal Commission.

- The cost vs benefit of lockdowns needs to be fully evaluated. The economic carnage they wrought will likely prove unjustifiable if a full enquiry is made into this.
- For a nation of immigrants, the separation of Australians from their families across the world by federal and state border closures is unacceptable. Australia's stance on this was not comparable with the approach taken in most other countries. This was distressing for me, and many others I know, in the extreme. So much so that I am not comfortable to "risk" being held prisoner in Australia again, away from my elderly parents abroad, and I currently feel more secure living abroad. Only when this matter has been reviewed by a Royal Commission, and people have had the chance to share their stories, will I feel better about this.
- How any country can mandate vaccines for the sake of getting or retaining a job (their livelihood), and still call itself a democracy that respects the human rights of individuals, is beyond me. If anyone finds this hard to understand then they do not have a thorough enough knowledge of history, human rights, and governance to be in a position of power. This needs to be investigated by a Royal Commission.
- It is easy to prove that lies and misinformation were rampant in the media regarding the ability of vaccines to block transmission, and that these were started and/or fuelled by our own government leaders. Those guilty of misinforming the public need to be investigated and held accountable.
- I was shocked by the highly-efficient and well-orchestrated approach taken by AHPRA to intimidate and silence the very people entrusted with the job of assessing and advising the suitability of vaccines for their individual patients - our doctors. Threatening doctors with ill consequences for doing anything but toe the line with regard to government's vaccination rollout was unethical in the extreme and utterly unconscionable. It interferes with some of the most fundamental principles of the medical profession. How could any medical professional remain confident in the professionalism and ethics of such a body as AHPRA after witnessing the approach they took to pushing the agenda of a few highly suspicious vested interests? This alone would warrant a Royal Commission.

- No expense should be spared in assessing the full extent of vaccine injuries and excess deaths, and the results should be broadly published, so that the public can understand what has been done to them, and regain confidence in the transparency of government in such matters. Politics is not to enter into this. This is a matter of good and ethical governance.
- Media censorship is a primary instrument of totalitarianism, and it was shockingly apparent throughout the pandemic. The extent of the Australian government's role in this needs a full investigation, and measures need to be put in place to prevent such totalitarian measures from being used in the future.

Some people are still awake enough to see what went on during this unprecedented time period. Some of us have lived in countries where human rights are not taken for granted, because we have lived through atrocities resulting from their neglect and abuse.

This is our opportunity to write a better future.

We need you, our leaders, to have the integrity and moral fibre to insist that government actions be evaluated and scrutinised - to see what was right, and what was wrong, and how things should be done differently in the future. And thereby regain the trust and confidence of your people.

In the meanwhile, you have lost mine. I look forward to being able to give it back.



Concerned citizen of Australia