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To the COVID Inquiry,

I write as the parent of a child [REDACTED]

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In 2013, our daughter had a [REDACTED]

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When the new novel vaccines were created for COVID we were justifiably sceptical and knew we could not possibly risk [REDACTED] It would've been an unthinkable cruelty to risk further harm [REDACTED] and yet, this is exactly what the Australian government asked us to do.

The political messaging through the media threatened our already traumatised and struggling family with the removal of [REDACTED] supports if we didn't vaccinate our child. We were left to make the heart wrenching decision of whether we risk her life (through vaccination) or risk losing our [REDACTED] supports that keep her safe and our family functioning day to day.

I could not believe that it was my own government committing this absolute abuse on fundamental human rights and targeting vulnerable Australians.

My daughter, as a child, was low risk for complications related to covid and the vaccines didn't seem to be acting as traditional vaccines by addressing transmission so, her status had a very mild, almost negligible impact on others.

We asked our doctor to provide a vaccine exemption for our daughter. He explained the risk of vaccination for our daughter based on her medical history even admitting it may "kill her" but, refused to write the exemption explaining the the government was 'cracking down' on doctor's writing exemptions and might lose his job...for telling the truth? What country were we were living in!

The political messaging and fear mongering through the media continued with some of our team staff convinced our beautiful daughter was all of a sudden dangerous. The rejection of her as somehow 'dirty & unclean' was heart breaking for our family as we already battle societal stigma as a person with disability. Why was our government actively creating & perpetuating this division? It was alarming.

This was only the beginning. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] due to the mandates. Not only did we lose amazing staff who were unwilling to take a personal risk with a vaccine with no long term safety data we were left with minimal [REDACTED] supports. [REDACTED] – this removal of supports due to the government response put her at a greater risk than covid which was at this stage evident to be a mild illness for most people.

In order to survive the devastating impact of the government's response, we had to use my [REDACTED] father and siblings to cover gaps in the care for our daughter. This meant our other kids needed time off school in order to provide the support required. We had no choice. In further cruelty, we were told that the time our other children had off school was reportable. We were being threatened at every turn by our own government when we were simply trying to survive a situation created by the government.

The government response to the pandemic caused significant trauma to our family. Our story reflects the story of many others in the disability community. The disability community is full of people with similar vaccine injury stories to my daughter. Although rare, she is not alone.

Please remember that rare things happen to real people and we are real Australians who, on behalf of the disability community, demand the Australian government be held accountable for the atrocities committed against the most vulnerable during the pandemic.

Sincerely,

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