

Inquiry into the Government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic

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Submission:

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the current situation in Victoria. I am a small business owner and mother to 3 children, 2 in year 9 and 1 in Grade 5. The lockdowns have been one of the hardest challenges we have had to face as a family. I suffer from anxiety and this lockdown has been a huge test on my ability to stay positive for my children while watching them lose their spark each day that goes by.

I have never been a mother that lets her child go on social media or play online games, but that has changed over this time as there is really no other way for them to have social interactions with their friends. Each day I spend all my energy in keeping them motivated to exercise, motivated to enjoy life and motivated to keep waking up each day with a purpose. My youngest is now back at school and that has made a difference but my teens are still home and isolated and that is disheartening.

All that while trying to work in our small business and keep that going. For the record home schooling and working from home is next to impossible.

I would be the first person to sacrifice my freedoms for the good of others if I really felt that it was necessary and at the start of this pandemic I supported the governments approach to a full lockdown as I felt it necessary to ensure the virus didn't get away from us, and to support our medical community. I voted for labour in the last election and was a labour supporter.

However, over the period of this second lockdown I have lost faith in labour and this current government to do the right thing by ALL people. Current science indicates that this virus is not as dangerous as the modelling first indicated however the labours approach still seems to be based on that fear.

There is no reason why a more relaxed approach could be adopted so that small to medium businesses are less affected, the real victims of this approach. This hard lockdown approach, one of the most severe in the world, is not sustainable and I for one no longer support this government nor will I vote for them next time.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

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