

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

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Submission:

I ask the following questions as a very concerned community leader. I am a head instructor at a martial arts school which has now been closed since April 2020.

Question:

Could you please advise the Committee on the reasoning that the State Government has taken to accept the advice of Brett Sutton regarding the appropriate response to the "second wave" of COVID-19 outbreaks, despite the fact that these second-wave outbreaks are occurring throughout the world and the World Health Organisation has now clearly stated that lockdowns are an inappropriate response and also that the case number targets set down in the state government's plan are unachievable? This suggests that Brett Sutton is not diligent/competent in this job.

I would have thought it would be the responsibility of government to balance conservative medical opinions against fiscal responsibility. This is not what is being demonstrated in the recovery plan, as every day that businesses are not allowed to operate puts entire businesses at risk of permanent closure and subsequent pressure on the welfare system as there are no places left to employ people.

Furthermore, there is sufficient numerical evidence now available worldwide on the nature of the pandemic to see that the risk of opening up all businesses (excluding aged care facilities) on a broad scale immediately, is a healthier/safer outcome, for mental health and financially for all Victorians.

Question:

Could you please advise the Committee on why outdoor activities which promote good health are restricted in time and distance from home, and with facemasks, despite the fact that virus transmission outdoors is negligible.

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