

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

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Submission:

I have worked as a disability support worker for 14 years now. I found that during the pandemic my clients were always anxious about not being able to go out to their local park, or their set activities. I found that they would regularly avoid people when it was not necessary. Further, I think that if a worker tests positive that it is unrealistic to lock them down for two weeks as most clients rely on one or two workers. It would be just about impossible to find another worker in such short notice and especially for a two week period. I am a sole trader.

Additionally, I think restricting essential workers is not realistic even when we are not working as often we need to chase things up in our lives, for work, and other relevant things to then be able to do our job. We need to get our when we need to to manage our lives and stress.

Personal notes, that I also think that you should be able to visit graves when you need to for prayer. I often pray at Grandmaster Sir Samuel Griffith's grave to find peace within myself so that I can find strength to continue my work and life, yet, we are expected to be bound to our home. As an essential worker, we need the freedom move about and do things such as prayer to help us with our stress.

Lastly, this has caused a lot of stress in my relationship as we are locked in together in a small apartment. I think it is a travesty what has happened.

All essential workers should have freedom of movement regardless of whether we are directly going to work.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

No mandatory vaccinations, coerced into vaccinations for the disability sector. I feel that I will not take the vaccination, all though I have taken many known vaccinations. I think a vaccination may cause harm, injury or sickness and I feel that I should not have to endure such harm to myself as I am required to always be available for my clients. I have had severe reactions to vaccinations and I cannot afford to be ill for a period of time. I also have philosophical reasons not to have a vaccination.

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