

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

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Submission:

I believe that the government's response to the COVID-19 virus has been too harsh and too long. Victorians have endured the longest and harshest lockdown in the world. This has caused untold misery with people losing their jobs and businesses, unable to pay their mortgages, unable to feed their families. Suicides have increase significantly.

Now that the cases have decreased to under 10 per day, there is scope for significant relaxation of the rules. The 5KM rule could be extended to 30KM, and we should be allowed to see family and friends, particularly families.

The reasons for leaving your house should be extended to include (a) visiting family, (b) visiting friends, and (c) general shopping other than supermarkets, chemists and medical reasons, and (d) social purposes. All this provided masks are worn and social distancing is observed, with appropriate limits on numbers.

We could call this Step 2.5 - an intermediate step before Step 3 is fully achieved.

We all want to beat this virus, but we all want to be able to have a better standard of living that Stage 4 restrictions cannot and do not provide.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

Like the AIDS campaign in the 90's, people will respond to sensible advice and encouragement from the government (use a carrot, not a stick). We can then go about our business in a COVID safe way by wearing of masks and keeping our distance. Other countries are using the 4 sq metre rule. Therefore, I would like to suggest a huge media campaign to educate people on how to live safely in a COVID world. Most people will be capable of looking after their own health.

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