

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

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Submission:

Dear Committee Members

My thoughts on the Government's response to Covid-19 is based on what I recall from the daily media updates given and the laws announced.

The Community was told that the Lockdowns was for the purpose of flattening the curve, so the health system would not be overwhelmed. Well the hospitals were never overwhelmed but the Lockdowns continued causing adverse mental, emotional and financial problems. I have come to the understanding the Lockdowns continued because the Government had little confidence in it's Contact Tracing.

The Community was told that decisions were made on science and public health advise. Eventually we were told the curfew was not based on such advise, nor the ban on travelling more than specific distances. Nor on why it was safe for a BLM protest march with thousands of citizens but other citizens can't gather but must be restricted to their residence.

We were also told the laws were introduced to ensure people did what the Government thought was best. Well it proved the Government could trust the people to do the right thing. But it turned out the people couldn't trust the Government to do the best thing in Hotel Quarantine, nor fully protect the elderly in Aged Care.

I am disappointed that no Government member or official could recall the complete facts around the failed Hotel Quarantine for the Inquiry that was set up. I felt the collective performance of the Government's representatives was insensitive to the hurt and hardship the Community was going through.

Helicopter flights over houses, handcuffing of pregnant woman and other incidents gives the impression that the police are treating it's citizens as criminals. It was sad to hear the Assistant Police Commissioner describe conspiracy theorists and anti lockdown protesters ascrazy and utterly selfish. Well what does he call WHO - they changed their mind on Lockdowns. It is disappointing and inappropriate for someone who is paid to protect the people to resort to name calling.

I now have no confidence in the Government or designated authorities to assess or handle a health emergency.

I continue to pray for the fear of God to come upon this Government, because the Holy Scriptures read " The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom ..Proverbs 9:10a "; and this Government needs all the wisdom it can get.

These are just some brief comments on the handling of the Government's response.

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