

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

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Submission:

The Victorian Government have failed in their duty to protect Victorians to the extent that other states were able to do that. This was due to very poor supervision of quarantine, contact tracing and Aged Care. They have admitted to and apologised for their poor performance. Over 700 people have needlessly lost their lives and countless people have suffered horrendous business losses including bankruptsy. My wife and I own the freehold of a small retail shop. The tenant is Flight Centre. We have lost half of all rent from April to December 31st at least with no recourse to help because they are a business of over 50 million turnover. We suffer because of having a corporate tenant!!! Many extreme long term measures suffered by many should have been avoided.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

Once the early possibility of overrun at hospitals was avoided, those under 65 with no illness should have been allowed to look after themselves without legal restriction. The chance of a person in that category dieing of Covid seems extremely small and the Government seemed intent on hiding that fact. Government efforts should have focused on protecting the elderly and sick, quarantine and contact tracing. There may be a case of limiting large indoor gatherings to restricted numbers with masks and social distancing recommended.

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