

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

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Submission:

Victoria is overburdened with prohibitive legislation.

The State of Victoria is gradually eroding the most basic protections under the Law and that is “everyone is presumed innocent until the contrary is proved.”

Apart from the current disputed Omnibus Legislation the Police and other authorities have become the judge and the jury.

The proliferation of “on the spot” fines for offences ranging from drunkenness to the so-called Covid and other summary offences is a concern. The fines are issued at the discretion of police on most occasions. For many reasons the fines are not disputed including, the lack of knowledge of legal rights. The issue of an infringement is not an end in itself but is just that a notice. The legal tradition where the informant needed to go before a Court and give evidence on oath as the circumstances and where the evidence was then tested is now replaced by guilt by accusation. Even with a plea of guilty the Magistrate would listen to the evidence and make a decision no matter what the plea.

Many of those issued with infringements either do not have the time or the knowledge or the funds for legal representation to contest matters in Court and just pay the fine.

Fines Victoria is a joke and has no regard in their deliberations for the “Statute of Limitation” of 12 months regarding Summary Offices and drag matters out eternally

Many cases are not lodged before a Court within the 12 months making the matters unenforceable. This organisation a product of absolute government tomfoolery and will not have the ability to recover any fines issued by the Covid 19 Victoria Police.

The declaration of a State of Disaster and State of Emergency is a last resort and only instituted from short periods. Once a State of Disaster or Emergency is declared why not an apolitical Commissioner be appointed to combat the emergency backed up by the government preventing the politicisation of any situation. The State of Disaster Legislation and State of Emergency legislation should be amended. These declarations should not be in operation for a political purpose or advantage or for extended periods. The current declarations are an overreach of political power that has restricted any debate at a Government level. The public has been prevented from any means of protest by draconian actions. Most media have been compliant and unquestioning of the massive obstruction of individual and political freedom in Victoria.

This Omnibus Act amongst other concerns limits the provisions of the Victorian Human Rights legislation during a time when these declarations are in place. Democracy is a fragile being constantly attacked and eroded in Victoria by the Marxist and Totalitarian tendencies of the current government. Victoria is a virtual dictatorship under the current Premier who rules over his selected committee more like a chairman than a Premier acting on behalf of all Victorians.

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Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

I am not particularly interested in appearing but would if requested/ Lw and order is important but the way it is administered in Victoria is a disgrace. Victoria Police has lost all credibility and is an arm of and controlled by politicians. Mr. Neil Comrie was a Chief Commissioner of credibility who resigned his Commission two years into a contract perceived interference in administrative decisions. We have slipped a long way since that fairly recent time in the late 1990's. He is a person who should be sought out.

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