

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

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#### Submission:

Hello. As a US citizen, I don't want to interfere in Australian governance, but I wish to comment as an elementary school teacher. If I were to tell my kindergartners that 70 people are allowed to dine in a restaurant, but only one household is allowed inside a church, they would immediately protest that the situation is unfair. That's because children have an innate sense of fairness. They might not always put it into practice, but they know injustice when they see it. We adults can articulate concepts such as equal protection under the law, but it's a concept children naturally understand. The societal practice of injustice has to be taught. The rationales for discriminatory practices have to be arrived at through convoluted fallacies. It's illogical to restrict religious practice while granting greater lenience to other socially good practices. We in the rest of the world see what's happening in Australia, and we recognize unjust discrimination based on religion. Certain US states are also discriminating against citizens of faith. It's shameful, barbaric tyranny with no basis in medical science. It really appears to be quite a superstitious policy, as if certain politicians are fearful of people praying together. I do hope government leaders will soon come to their senses. I'm praying for you.

**Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:**

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