

## **Submission to PAEC**

Thank you for the opportunity

### **My Thoughts on Victorian Government response to Covid Second wave.**

#### **Second wave would never have happened if Hotel quarantine was handled responsibly.**

We are being treated like children, controlled with complete disregard to our individual rights and freedoms. This is the treatment that communist China and Nazi Germany used to control the populace.

Daniel Andrews said our human rights are not important, not so, they are MOST important.

I feel fearful of going out in case I am in breach of his laws.

This Andrews Government wants to control almost every aspect of our lives. I fear that the Andrews Government will raise taxes to recoup losses due to their financial mismanagement prior to Covid, blaming Covid for the deficit. I fear fees and charges will dramatically increase with vehical registration, stamp duty, water, fines, Council, just about everything.

I know for a fact that this lockdown has had a big detrimental impact on the vulnerable mentally ill. Our son, who suffers with mental illness, has experienced high levels of anxiety through worrying that he will be arbitrarily arrested despite following rules pedantically, has been fretful due to isolation, and lacked the full support and medical care he would normally have received.

Another son has to home school a secondary and a primary school student and look after an 18 month old. He does not get enough sleep as he works all hours, including weekends, into the small hours to keep up with his work. His wife works part time as an essential worker. They choose not to use child care as they consider it is their job to raise their children, and we can't help as we are more than 5 Km.

I have lost respect for our police force, who should deserve my respect, because I feel we are all treated like criminals. To enter private property without a warrant must be outlawed.

No one should be arrested on a suspicion that a person maybe, possibly, might break a rule.

I am concerned with the inconsistency of fines. Some are fined, others, if they tell the truth, are not. Education, not the big stick approach, should be adopted.

We all have a right to our views and express them, and demonstrate our views in a Covid safe way.

My heart bleeds for business, especially small business owners and their employees, who do not want handouts, they want work and dignity.

We are not all in this together. Small business particularly is shouldering the burden. Unionised construction and Government business just keeps on with little disruption.

The young have been denied this year, never to be replaced. The only thing they have won is a lifetime of repaying the deficit.

- **Hotel Quarantine**

Private security

Untrained and unqualified

Unaccountable

High cost to state taxpayers

Should use ADF/police

Trained

Accountable, clear chain of command

No additional cost to state taxpayers

Preferable to have home quarantine with support and supervision, less cost

- **Economy**

The least disruptive the better

If a business can work in a safe Covid way it should remain open and operational, i.e. small business, sole traders working alone, keeping social distancing, and outdoors. If Council can mow and garden so we all can. If supermarkets are open, why not a business such as Bunnings? , all in a Covid safe way. I can't see the point of work permits-- another intrusion of a police state.

- **Masks**

Masks need to be worn when in close contact, ie. Super markets, indoors when social distancing is not possible.

To mandate masks when out for a walk is pointless, does not add to safety but creates resentment.

- **Autocratic Control**

We have been treated like children

Treat us with respect and intelligence

One or two hours leave for lawful activities does nothing and is unenforceable

Curfew should never be implemented in peace time

5 Km is too restrictive

- **Regions**

There are regions in greater Melbourne with few Covid cases, they should be treated as regional Victoria.

- **Clusters**

Treat and isolate clusters fast, but do not shut down the rest of the state.

Rules that do not make sense and add nothing to safety only create resentment and disregard for the rules. Penalties should only be used as a last resort. We are all being punished for the mistakes of the few.

THE ENDS DO NOT JUSTIFY THE MEANS

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