

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

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Submission:

The Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Act (2008) has been applied only selectively, and for this reason illegally.

Before any Omnibus amendments to the act, in the first lockdown in May 2020 the Act (2008) should have been followed to the letter - and it was not. Compensation is due to many people, including the occupants and Flemington Towers.

People in Hotel Quaranteen should have been examined at least every 24 hours to see if they were still infectious and thus needed to be detained. They were not, and were just held in detention for TWO WEEKS, illegally.

For example, under (200) EMERGENCY POWERS it says

(6) An authorised officer must at least once every 24 hours during the period that a person is subject to detention under subsection (1)(a) review whether the continued detention of the person is reasonably necessary to eliminate or reduce a serious risk to public health.(7)

An authorised officer must as soon as is reasonably practicable give written notice to the Chief Health Officer

THESE DIRECTIVES UNDER THE ACT WERE NOT FOLLOWED IN THE CASE OF THE MANY INDIVIDUALS DETAINED IN THE FLEMINGTON TOWERS

Regarding Part 8 of this Act, Management and Control of Infectious Diseases, it is clear that citizens of this state can only be directed to do certain things by the Public Health officer if a PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER has been issued for EVERY citizens suspected of having the disease.

FROM THE ACT:

Part 8 (117), (3)

)A public health order must

(a)be in writing;

- (b) identify the person to whom the order applies;
- (c) specify the purpose of the order;
- (d) specify the infectious disease which the Chief Health Officer believes the person has or has been exposed to;
- etc. etc.

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