

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

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YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

I am against the COVID-19 Omnibus (Emergency Measures) and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2020. The bill is an unnecessary and concerning imposition on the rights and freedoms of Victorians at a time when case numbers are already reducing. Victoria has already faced extremely strong preventative measures for an extended period.

I oppose to the expansion of powers and changes to legislation made by this Bill. Changes to the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008, including the extension of persons who may be appointed as authorised officers and the expansion of emergency powers granted to these authorised officers, are particularly concerning.

I am especially concerned with the ability to detain persons if it is believed they are 'a high-risk person and is likely to refuse or fail to comply with the direction'. We believe that these changes would leave Victorians vulnerable to arbitrary arrest and detention. This new power could also be a breach of section 21(2) of the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006, which states "a person must not be subjected to arbitrary arrest or detention".

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