

However, if fines are to be part of a public health response in future, it is imperative that:

- They are only used if recommended by health professionals on the basis of clear evidence about their effectiveness in promoting public health goals.
- Introduce concession-based fines for financially disadvantaged people (Rec 20 FCLC PAEC submission)
- Victoria has in place and independently oversees an adequate process for reviewing COVID-19 fines, requiring Victoria Police and Fines Victoria to consistently apply Internal Review Guidelines and provide reasons for any refusal of Internal Review.
- Children under 18 be warned and cautioned instead of fined and referred to community supports to address barriers to good COVID safe health
- If children are fined - fines amounts are reduced fines in line with Children's Court limits.

Members of the group would be willing to appear before the Committee or field any questions you may have of us.

In this regards please contact me on [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully

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