

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

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### YOUR SUBMISSION

#### **Submission:**

Hello, my name is William Twigg and I have had much of my life impacted due to the Governments Response to this Pandemic, from the first lockdown my mental health began to go downhill which made returning to work difficult, the restrictions on travel made it difficult to maintain contact with friends and family and the curfew made me feel like a prisoner in my own home because I couldn't even go to the petrol station for a loaf of bread without risking a \$1600 fine.

I was gravely concerned for the increase of Mental Health issues or Suicide across the state due to the strict Lockdowns and I feel that Mental Health, Social Health and Financial Stability was barely considered in the Governments Strategy

I had been working full time until the Restrictions impacted my work hours and my workplace, when I started seeing news that we weren't being allowed to protest gravely concerned me as I had been to the Black Lives Matter Protest and firmly believe that the Right to Peaceful Assembly should never be lost, especially during a time of crisis. I have been attending protests to stand up for our Human Rights and I have said Human Rights Matter from the beginning. I have stood there to speak on behalf of any person too scared to voice their opinion or in a position where they aren't allowed to share their opinion publicly, I have never been placed under arrest before in my life before this year until I began attending protests and speaking at them, it is terrible how many people have been treated like criminals for trying to voice their opinion or for Peacefully Assembling. I have been nothing but kind and respectful towards police even after being placed under arrest because I know the position they're being put in is not fair nor is it reasonable.

The Victorian Government has compromised our Right to Peaceful Assembly in the name of our own safety without consulting with the public.

Scientific information to support various restrictions has not been presented to the public.

Daniel Andrews has stated "It's not about Human Rights, its about Human Life" and that is a disgraceful statement to any democracy.

I have said it many times and I will continue to say it, Human Rights Matter.

Thank you for your consideration

Kind Regards, Will

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

The government must respect our Human Rights more when making decisions that impact all Victorians,

Human Rights must always be protected in a Healthy Democracy.

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