SUBMISSION

Australia's response to the recent pandemic was excessive and drachonian. It was counterproductive to mental health, especially in children. Public Health data attests to this. It was also detrimental to small business and many businesses did not survive. The registry of small business attests to this.

LOCKDOWNS AND REPORTING

In 2018 there were 7889 deaths from chronic respiratory disease in Australia* There were no lockdowns, no border closures, no masks or panic.

Reporting COVID case numbers is not in the public interest. It is simply feeding paranoia. Before this pandemic, case numbers were not reported in the way they are now. In that year and the years previous when there were similarly high numbers there was no daily reporting of how many people had the flu. Most of the deaths were attributed to comorbidity and opportunist infection of the elderly. Everyone chose their own personal response to the threat of infection.

We need to view COVID as just another element of life in a highly populated and polluted world. The high cost of the current pandemic management to mental health, the economy and the environment is ridiculously counterproductive.

The Chief Health Officer Paul Kelly told a Senate Committee that 71.2% of COVID deaths to the end of October 2021 involved pre-existing health conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, lung disease and dementia.

According to the WA Department of Health as of 7th February there have been 4,203 deaths classified as COVID in Australia.

According to the Parliament of Australia statistics in 2018, there were 158,493 deaths in Australia. This included heart disease 17,533; dementia 13,963; influenza and cerebovascular disease 9,972; trachea, bronchus and lung disease 8586; colonic diseases 5420; diabetes 4,656; prostate disease 3264 and pneumonia 3,102. Covid Live and health.gov.au at one point both cited TOTAL Covid deaths in Australia currently at 1,102. (This figure does not indicate age categories or comorbidity factors.)

This does not justify lockdowns with their destructive effects on mental health, social well-being and the economy. It does not justify talk of mandatory vaccination and the concomitant loss of civil freedom.

https://covidlive.com.au/report/deaths

https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019

IMMUNISATION

According to the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) the Covid19 Absolute Risk Factor is 0.88% for unvaccinated and 0.4% for vaccinated. The 95% efficacy reported by Pfizer represents only Relative Risk Reduction. The Absolute Risk Reduction from vaccination is actually 0.84%. According to ACSH natural immunity provides a relative risk rate of 20% and overall protection of 80% in those under 65 and 47% in those over 65.

These figures surely justify the individual right to choose natural immunity as their

preferred mode of protection.

https://www.fda.gov/media/81597/download

https://www.facebook.com/nemojoneshere/videos/348748583722241

American Council on Science and Health:

https://www.acsh.org/news/2021/03/24/how-protective-natural-immunity-covid-19-15424

https://www.canadiancovid care alliance.org/media-resources/absolute-vs-relative-risk-reduction-understanding-the-difference-and-why-it-matters/

https://www.abs.gov.au

WHO

Australia must retain complete sovereign autonomy in managing any future pandemics. Australia's response must be managed in Australia by Australian authorities.

The World Health Assembly is seeking to amend its International Health Regulations to create a new international convention on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response. It has been labelled the "Pandemic Treaty". Australia is expected to be one of one hundred and ninety-four member states that will be asked to sign the treaty. Australians should not allow their Government to sign this treaty.

Some of the proposed amendments include: erasing the words "with full respect for the dignity, human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons," which were a clear statement of admirable intent and replacing them with "based on the principles of equity, inclusivity, coherence and in accordance with their common but appreciated responsibilities of the States Parties, taking into consideration their social and economic development" - an obfuscation that weakens the statement and allows for manipulative reinterpretation Analysis by a wide range of bodies in the past year has shown error and inconsistency were hallmarks of world wide pandemic management. There is growing evidence in mainstream medical science that vaccines were not the panacea to ensure universal health and immunity and that Covid is not the bogeyman it was feared to be. Covid-related death rates during the pandemic do not deviate from normal distribution data for chronic respiratory disease prior to the pandemic. * It is now well accepted that lockdowns and border closures were undeniably harmful both socially and economically. It is essential that they are used judiciously by local authorities best able to understand and monitor likely impacts. No international committee can possibly make accurate judgments for one hundred and ninety-four nations **

Another aspect of the proposed amendments seeks power for the WHO to act on "undisclosed sources" in its decision-making and declarations. All citizens have a right to know that vested interests are not at play. Pharmaceutical companies made billions of dollars from Covid vaccinations. They were a powerful lobby voice, even deferred to as authorities during the pandemic. It is reasonable to expect that they and their shareholders will be motivated by further profit; likewise the manufacturers of surgical masks, sanitizers and all the medical paraphernalia associated with pandemic management.

With this treaty the World Health Organization seeks greater access to the personal and private data of citizens in its preparation for and response to a health emergency. Why do they require this? They cannot possibly manage the populations of one hundred and ninety four countries. That is some kind of absurd corporate

megalomania that would require the cooperation of every individual government and public service.

WHO also seeks to "strengthen its ties to universities, government departments, and social media platforms." This would provide leverage for them to censor any views that contradict their own. Much of what the WHO claimed was misinformation and disinformation in 2020 is now accepted as fact. Medical researchers and practitioners must be protected from commercial pressures and vested interests and remain free to express their professional views without threat of censorship or loss of funding. The WHO further seeks powers with respect to international travel including requirement of vaccination proof and enforced quarantining. This violates the sovereign rights of citizens from all nations. For Australians this is unacceptable. We should not accept the rule of any unelected and unaccountable body.

* In 2018 the Australia Bureau of Statistics cited 7889 deaths from these diseases. The Health Department cited 4203 Covid related deaths in Australia from the beginning of the pandemic to February 2022. Australian Chief Heath Officer told a Senate Committee in 2022 that 71.2% of Covid deaths involved pre-existing health conditions.

** Western Australia's management of the pandemic was not perfect but it is a case in point for independent decision-making designed to meet the requirements of specific locations.

MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Against my belief and lifelong practice of healthy living for natural immunity, which had protected me to that point, I submitted to two vaccinations. I felt pressured to do this because I was being excluded from most of the social and family events that are important to me (eg. family birthdays and friend's get togethers at restaurants and bars). I feel the vaccinations compromised my health, my freedom and my personal beliefs.

FOOTNOTE

We currently have a surge in Covid numbers in WA and the restrictions are almost negligible apart from medical centres such as hospitals.

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