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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to explain the affect of the mandatory vaccine on myself and my family. We are now in a situation where any excess savings are gone. My stress level is extreme and affecting my mental health and my physical health.

I had been a teacher for 30 years. I also have a very specific skill base. For over 8 years I was one of the teachers in charge at a program called the JETS program. In this program we worked with students that were so disengaged from education that they were at risk of losing their education. These students came from the local high schools and many were already involved with juvenile justice and linked with child safety. Our program had a very limited budget and 3 staff but we repeatedly won Showcase of Excellence.

Due to the mandate I have been refused work since December 2021. As a teacher you prepare to leave your role. This has been heart wrenching and demoralising to have these actions placed on me. I have had days/weeks of depression, anxiety attacks and for the first time in my life I am suffering from headaches. We worked the front line throughout the pandemic but I have been left feeling like a number and that all my years of service was not valued in any way.

I am having to talk with insurance companies, my bank concerning my mortgage, utility providers etc to try and negotiate how I will pay my bills which had been very embarrassing and demoralising. I am utterly disgusted that while we worked, millions of Australians were able to access \$10000 out of their super(which would help me greatly at this time) but when we were displaced from our jobs, through no fault of our own, that opportunity to access our super has been closed to us. I assume if the government was to look at their own data they would find an increase in the rate of suicide over the last two years due to the pressures they have caused by not allowing people to earn a living to feed their families and pay bills.

I have had an informed consent meeting with my doctor. We have looked at the data (eg that most deaths WITH covid have a 2.5 comorbidity), that 1% have died FROM covid alone and that the vaccination does not stop you from catching it or passing it on. We also investigated the side effects known to date(due to this being classed as an experimental drug there is limited data at this time especially long term study results) and considered all of this in relation to my health. I decided it was not something I was willing to risk. This wasn't a hard decision as I have witnessed a family member become riddled with blood clots after a vaccination. I do not understand how a government can over ride an informed consent meeting with a doctor. To be clear I am not what the media is trying to state and vilify as "an anti vaxer". I have all my childhood vaccines and I have had one holiday out of the country to China and received the vaccines for that trip.

So I would ask the government to remove ALL mandatory requirements for vaccines in all settings. After 30 years with the one employer consider this – even if I no longer had it in my heart to be a teacher considering all that has been done to us – who is going to employ a 54 year old woman who has no other skill base? So in the last stage of my working life and health your decisions have created stress, hopelessness, devalue and despair which in turn will continue to

affect my health and overall well being. And for all I have done for my community during my role, I believe your decisions and actions have been reprehensible. We were once HEROS, what are we now?

Regards  
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