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Today I, Dinah McQueen, rise to speak out about the vaccine mandates, which specifically relate to me in my role as an educator. In my 15+ years as a teacher I have never seen so much distress, segregation, control and scare tactics, as I have seen in the last 12 months.

I highlight the scare campaigns of this government, for months the state government has been contradicting itself and shifting the goalposts.

We were told that Queenslanders would not have to wear masks again, that we would never be mandated to vaccinate, and that we would be safe if fully vaccinated. Then they told us the virus was hunting down the unvaccinated and now the un-boosted. We have been told that natural immunity would allow us a 6 month exemption and health conditions could allow our doctors to consider what was best for our health and to give exemptions, but now our doctors and nurses are gagged, unable to provide the best health care options or advice for individuals in regards to the COVID19 vaccines. Now the goal posts have been moved, even though it has been proven that the best immunity is natural immunity, we have been told to be vaccinated or receive our booster not mere weeks after the fact. We are now told that boosters are to occur a short 3 months after initial vaccination. In my 39yrs on this Earth never has an effective vaccine require to be implemented in such vast amounts. Never has a vaccine be forced upon an individual against their own wishes, against their own health choices. Never has a vaccination taken away a persons rights to attend an event or place of business or to keep employment.

These mandates should never have been introduced. All it has achieved is problems and isolation of the hospitality industry, health workers, teachers, the closing of businesses, putting good hard working people of work, dividing communities, families and friends.

I point out that every death, whether COVID related or not, is tragic; however, the latests Australian Bureau of statistics information released puts it into perspective. Over the last 22months of COVID 273,901 Australians died; however of these deaths only 2,639 were COVID related, with 92% of these having serious underlying health conditions. Some 100,000 died from cancer, 32000 died from heart disease, 30,000 died from Alzheimers and dementia, 10 000 died of diabetes, not to mention the thousands of deaths due to suicide and fatal accidents. Meaning that in all the COVID related deaths represent fewer than 1% of deaths in Australia over this period. The median age for the COVID related deaths being between 81-86 years of age.

Since the vaccination mandates in December 2021, when the fully vaccinated status of 83.6% has risen to over 90% fully vaccinated. So to has the number of cases of COVID from 2, 227 cases per day to over 500, 000 to no averaging over 6000 cases a day.

My point is this, we have exiled and isolated the unvaccinated from society and restricted their movements, yet COVID has rapidly spread throughout the state. Who is spreading the virus? It is clear that the virus does not discriminate between those who are vaccinated and those who are not. The evidence shows clearly with the data, that the mandates are a complete waste of time and has made zero difference to stopping the spread of COVID throughout the state. In fact, this government has worsened the state's health response by standing down thousands of our highly trained health workers when the mandates were introduced. It has worsened this states education systems by standing down thousands more highly skilled educators and support staff. It has worsened this states economic position by reducing business patronage and forcing out skilled hard working employees.

A massive amount of resources has been wasted in policing businesses, restaurants, cafes, pubs and takeaways to enforce a mandate that is unnecessary, highly destructive and ineffective. Instead of a mandate we should be focusing on putting all our resources towards protecting and providing care to the sick, education to the future generations and services that underpin our states economic growth.

I call on the Premier to **immediately end the mandates** for all Queenslanders so that we can get back to some form of normality and sanity.

Further more, the suggesting that we need an extension to the state of emergency bill is appalling. **I do not consent or agree to the extension** of the unlawful, forceful and ineffective mandates and restrictions under this bill.

Enough is enough and this all needs to stop!

Regards
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