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Committee Secretary
Community Support and Services Committee
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Dear Committee Secretary,
RE: PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS)
AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (BILL)

I wish to formally advise that I do not support the Bill nor the extension of the state of emergency.

I am simply writing you as a concerned citizen of what I thought once to be a democratic nation. I am also a single mother and teacher who is currently not able to work due to the current mandates.

I have absolutely no doubt that vaccines are a highly effective tool in protecting society against a variety of diseases and I consider myself to be pro-vaccination but more importantly **pro-choice**. I am concerned about the justification of mandatory COVID vaccination policies as to do so imposes on other laws, liberties and rights that currently still exist in Australia.

Consent of medicine was penned in the Nuremburg Code, in 1974 (The Nuremburg Code, 2021) as a response to doctors performing medical experiments on people during WWII; it states: The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential. This means that the person involved should have legal capacity to give consent; should be so situated as to be able to exercise free power of choice, without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, overreaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion; and should have sufficient knowledge and comprehension of the elements of the subject matter involved as to enable him to make an understanding and enlightened decision.

The Australian Government's Consumer Guide to Clinical Trials, states, "It is important that you never feel forced to take part in a trial" (CHF, 2021).

COVID vaccinations were only provisionally approved for use in Australia by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and are hence still part of a clinical trial (COVID-19 vaccines undergoing evaluation, 2021). This status brings with it legal and internationally binding requirements encompassing clinical trials; a participant in such a trial must provide

consent free from coercion or duress.

Additionally, COVID is less serious in those that are young and otherwise healthy compared to those who are elderly or have co-morbidities. The World Health Organisation has stated that most people recover from COVID without the need for any medical attention (Coronavirus, 2021). If you combine this knowledge with known side-effects and unknown long-term effects of the new technology found in viral vector or mRNA injections (COVID-19 vaccines undergoing evaluation, 2021), the vaccine hesitant not only have a right but good reason to feel apprehensive.

To deny a person the ability to work unless they comply with a mandate to be vaccinated is not only ethically but legally unjust. Denying people the ability to work is not a measure to protect public health and is not warranted or reasonable as such action does not address the actual risk of COVID. The answer to managing COVID does not lie in removing rights and civil liberties that are fundamental to our democratic way of life and it certainly does not lie in the use of highly coercive, undemocratic, unethical mandates as “no jab = no job”.

It is my hope that you will help right this wrong. Please drop the mandates immediately.

Kind regards,

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