

To Secretary Community Support and Services Committee.

I wish to make a submission to the committee regarding the suggestion of an extension to the emergency act which has so severely impacted Queenslanders over the past several months.

I am seventy one years old, a teacher with over 35 years experience in Queensland education and training sector. I am a father, a grandfather and a community member. However, since mid December 2021, in spite of not being charged with an offense, or having an opportunity to explain my actions, or non actions, I have been effectively locked out of day to day life by the decisions of the Queensland government, under the guise of a health directive. I am normally a social person but have not been able to attend, restaurants, cafes, theatres, music venues, museums, clubs or pubs, and to top it off as of late January 2022 I have been locked out of employment.

In the lead up to the threatened cut off date to receive the Covid vaccination, I have sought, from the department a number of times over several weeks, information to allow me to make an informed decision regarding the safety of the vaccine. I imagine that for the department to have made the decision to mandate vaccination for all its employees, that it must have information guaranteeing its safety. I was, and am, requesting access to this information. I reminded the department that under law, consent to all medical procedures must be, "informed consent", and free from coercion. My requests from the department over those weeks were an attempt to obtain information to enable me to make a decision with all relevant information.

I have had one vaccination of Astra-Zeneca in August last year, but have decided that I can not proceed with this medication due to safety concerns. Similarly, mRNA vaccines, at this early stage have not been fully tested (the current "provisional" approval for these is subject to trials due for completion in early 2023), and I am reluctant to take them until full approval is achieved, due to my particular circumstances.

As a child I had poliomyelitis and over the next twenty years had several surgical interventions to facilitate a normal lifestyle. Some of these required arterial/venous interventions which have caused substantial varicose veins in one leg. I am therefore wary of new unproven prophylactics and vaccines which may exacerbate this condition. Further, as blood clots are a risk factor with severe varicose veins, and with the vaccines, I am reluctant to further expose myself to these risks. Due to Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA) interventions, doctors are not permitted to issue exemptions for these conditions.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> December I served the Principal of my school, [REDACTED] with a letter requesting further information regarding the mandating of the fore-mentioned medical treatment. In spite of numerous further requests, I have received no new information which would enable me to make the "informed consent" decision, required by the AHPRA. (see attachment V) I did receive a reply to an enquiry on the 14<sup>th</sup> January, but this contained no further/new information.

I enjoy good health and relative fitness for my age, I fully engaged with students in all school activities including with touch football and basketball when required. It would be easy for me to simply walk away from teaching, but I still have a passion for student learning and feel I have plenty to offer in various classrooms settings within the school.

I have been teaching within Queensland Department of Education and Training for more than 35 years. Twenty five years as a trades Cookery teacher with Technical and Further Education (TAFE) and more than twelve years with Education Queensland (EQ), usually with young offenders. My

performance, throughout my whole career has been exemplary. I have had no disciplinary actions, no suspensions, in fact recently I received an award at Cleveland Education and Training Centre from the student body in appreciation of my performance. Facing this suspension and possible dismissal from the department for refusing an experimental medical procedure, after such a long and blemish free career, seems incomprehensible.

The philosophy, which has driven my teaching and my relationship with students has centred around principled social and community engagement and a strong sense of fairness and morality. These principles have guided me through parenthood to six children (mixed family) and extended family duties. These values remain with me today. I also believe these values should be guiding education department decision making, today, more than ever. However, this was not so and I have been suspended now from my position for several week.

I strongly believe that the governments attempts to force compliance with vaccination with a trial drug (the current "emergency provisional approval" for Pfizer Covid19 "vaccine" is conditional of the outcome of trials due to be finalised in 2023) (TGA) is immoral and a violation of the International charter of Human Rights to which Australia is a signatory.

In the past few weeks data provided by the TGA and other government agencies indicate a drastic reduction in infections, and in the severity of infections from Covid19. To contemplate an extension of emergency powers at this time can only be described as government overreach.

I share a staffroom with a large number of committed teachers however, due to the current mandates several of my teaching and support colleagues are unable to work. The extent of hardship being perpetrated through these mandates is difficult to comprehend, yet parliamentary representatives appear oblivious to this.

The mandates have effectively created a schism within our society which will be difficult to heal. The healing process MUST start now. I implore you to hear the pleas of the thousands of Q\ fellow Queenslanders

Yours Sincerely

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Attachment V

13. **Informed consent** is a person's voluntary decision about medical care that is made with knowledge and understanding of the benefits and risks involved.

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