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Good morning,

I don't not want an extension to the emergency bill up until October 2022 for the reasons below:

1. I am a retired Australian Army Veteran. I have injuries that I am requiring to have extensive rehabilitation for. This rehab is vital for not only my wellbeing but the wellbeing of my family. I have not been able to make any progress since Covid has been around. I need routine to cope, I need to be able to attend appointments without having to take my 3 young children, I need this support to be a functional Mother / family member. These emergency bills are causing more depression, more anxiety and making health conditions worse. We currently have a Royal Commission into Veteran Suicide. This emergency bill is very much spoken about quietly between the veteran community and one thing a lot of us can agree on is these mandates, this state of emergency is causing even worse mental health for veterans.
2. The segregation these emergency powers and mandates are creating is NOT OK! The government has done nothing but successfully caused a divide in families, friends, workplaces, sports, places of retail, between police and citizens, absolutely everywhere. The damage that has already been done is irreparable with most. Now needs to be a time to try and repair some of this damage.
3. I have 6 year old twins and a 9 year old. This first 2 years of my twins schooling has been so disrupted! There is pressure from their school that they need to do better however how are they supposed to do this when there's been nothing but a lack of teaching, routine, consistency and support. I think a Premier who has no children can ever understand the impact this has on actual parents and children. This needs to stop now and we need to get on with things!
4. My Husband lost his job due to the mandates. We have made a choice to not participate in the Covid vaccination program. We are a pro vax family and I as a Veteran have had even more vaccinations due to Army requirements however because of our current stance on Covid vaccinations this has financially impacted my family. It's a price we were will to pay and yes the financial stress this has put on myself has been a lot. No amount of coercion would change our minds. We have worked extremely hard for what our family has and have made huge sacrifices to be where we are. It is absolutely disgusting that because of some ridiculous mandate we have been greatly impacted. How dare anyone try and force a medical procedure onto us. I was once good enough and responsible enough to serve my country, deploy and restore freedoms in another country yet now I cannot even attend a movie cinema with my children. I cannot take my children to a theme park. I cannot go with friends at a restaurant for a meal. It's a slap in the face!

This government has failed Australian people and it will go down in the history books and not for a successful story but as a complete FAILURE. Mental health was already a huge problem in our country but now the impact from how this government has handled Covid has done nothing but trade one pandemic for another. I was once a proud Australian but the only thing I want to do is take my family as far away as possible and escape!

START LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE AND STOP IGNORING US.

Regards,

Melissa Jennings



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