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## To Whom It May Concern

My name is Michael and I have been an educator for approximately 15 years and currently work in the high school setting in Brisbane. I am writing this letter to appeal for the removal of mandates around the provisionally approved vaccine for COVID 19. This can also occur with the removal of the emergency powers granted to the Chief Health Officer.

During my life I have had many vaccinations and support immunisation as one of the many intervention tools that an individual 'may' utilise to support their health. Aligned to the Australian Immunisation Handbook, I personally stand for informed consent and don't support coercion and pressure to force someone into a decision that they are not comfortable with; pro-choice. Informed consent is a cornerstone of our human rights and civil liberties and currently people are being deprived of this right. The evidence locally and globally that this mandate or the need to extend emergency powers is not reasonable or proportionate.

The 'reasonableness' is evident with a range of people because of their health choices not being able to access certain services and employment to support their family and lifestyle. I have a daughter and financially things are tight and this has added unnecessary stress potentially negatively impacting on my health. Socially I have also been isolated as I can't go to the same events as peers/family which is important for mental health, connection and life enjoyment - e.g. restaurants, football games, etc. I also just generally don't think it is positive to create a division in society because of someone's personal health decision - I am currently segregated from accessing the same services as another group of people because of their deemed classification (Vaccinated vs Unvaccinated). This is not 'just' or 'fair' and needs to be adjusted to reflect our fundamental human rights and aligned to our Australian democratic values. Additionally where there is risk there must be consent and there have been numerous adverse reports on the TGA around the approved vaccines and I should as a sovereign being ultimately decide on what goes in my body. This 'choice' is taken away under the guise of public safety which is not supported currently in the statistics now available - it is not a fair choice to have to decide between taking a provisionally approved vaccine and keeping your job to support your family.

With respect to 'proportionality' evidence locally and globally show now that the difference between an 'unvaccinated' and 'vaccinated' individual with regards to obtaining and transmitted covid is negligible and therefore having a public safety argument over personal safety position is not congruent. ABS statistics reflect that COVID-19 has accounted for less than 1% of all deaths since the beginning of the pandemic. Additionally the median age for deaths is 83.7, with 91.4% of all deaths having other conditions listed on the death certificate - on average 2.7 other diseases and conditions certified alongside the virus with deaths due to COVID-19. People need to take personal responsibility for their health decisions and lifestyle choices and there needs to be an acknowledgement that there is a risk in a range of different things in our life - risk is not all bad but is necessary for growth, strength and development. I feel now that we have more evidence around efficacy of the vaccine that highlights a proportionate and prudent response being the encouragement of vulnerable people in society to incorporate relevant health measures and then sitting comfortably in knowing that people have had the

opportunity to make use of other interventions that have been made available. Mandation is not the answer and this is aligned to federal positioning (Scott Morrison - only support mandates in age care and high risk health care services) as well as the Nation's Chief Health Officer Paul Kelly who said "Philosophically and professionally, I'm not in favour of mandating anything, including vaccinations".

A large amount of countries are winding back and we need to do the same. Please end these emergency powers.

Warmest Regards

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