

*Dear Sir/Madam*

*My name is Kerrie Marie van der Plas and I am writing to express that I DO NOT want to see an Extension to the Emergency Bill, for ANY length of time. I am a 44-year-old, permanent, female Primary Teacher who has been employed with the Queensland Education Department for 21 years (2000-2021) and have been actively teaching for approximately 14 of those years. I am currently suspended from my teaching job because of the vaccine mandates. I am also a sole parent of 3 boys having lost my husband to cancer 7 years ago.*

*I LOVE my job with a passion and always have! Anyone who knows me knows how dedicated I am to providing fun, well-planned, well-resourced learning for the students in my care. “Teachers who LOVE teaching, teach Students to LOVE learning” and I know that this is one of my special gifts. I love to go above and beyond for my students. I have always prided myself in the positive relationships and excellent rapport I have developed with my students, their parents and carers and my colleagues and in making learning fun and engaging.*

*Firstly, when the mandates for Queensland workers in education settings were announced I felt shocked and overwhelmed, particularly given that I personally KNOW people who have experienced a range of side effects from the vaccines, ranging from mild to severe to fatal. Some have been acknowledged by medical professionals, many others have been ‘fobbed off’ and have been told that their condition was not related to the vaccine, even though those individuals felt strongly that their condition WAS an adverse reaction to the vaccine. If individuals are making these claims, shouldn’t these cases at least be reported and hopefully investigated to eliminate an association to the vaccine?!?!? This already makes me feel nervous and very anxious!*

*Below is a list of a few of the cases of people who I know personally, or who close loved ones of mine know, who’ve had a mysterious, ‘sudden health episode’ after receiving the vaccination. I feel that it*

*is important to include this, as once you personally KNOW of one or two cases of people having adverse reactions, you simply can NO LONGER TRUST that the vaccine is safe in every circumstance. (Therefore, to me it is like playing Russian Roulette with my health!)...*

- 1. A teacher aide at our school reported that her brother-in-law had a heart attack approximately 48 hours after receiving his first vaccination injection. Although he claimed to medical staff treating him that he believed it was a reaction to the vaccine, medical staff fobbed him off telling him that they believed his heart attack was weight-related, even though he'd had no prior medical complaints. This teacher aide CAN NO LONGER put this in her body knowing this about her brother-in-law and her brother-in-law has refused the second injection, even though he was refused an exemption for the second injection, regardless of having had a heart attack.*
- 2. A very close nurse friend of mine, a single Mum of two, has experienced ongoing stomach issues since receiving her MANDATED (against her will, with the coercion that she would lose her job) vaccinations approximately 8 weeks ago. She has been readmitted to Emergency 3 times and has been put on IV fluids due to severe dehydration from weeks of constant diarrhea since her second vaccination shot. She has had to have a medical Scope and is currently experimenting with different dietary changes to try to improve her condition. She is devastated and no longer expresses the same passion that she once had for her job. Although my friend claimed to medical staff treating her that she believed that her condition was an adverse reaction to the vaccine (with chronic diarrhea starting within 48 hours of her second injection), she was fobbed off and told that it was more likely some sort of viral or bacterial infection in her stomach. Sick pay was not deducted from her pay for the time she was absent from work due to her 'strange, new' condition, but instead she was paid as normal?? Her GP*

*believes that her condition is definitely an adverse reaction to the vaccine?!?! She has strongly advised me AGAINST getting it!*

- 3. A mate of my [REDACTED] who he trains with for boxing, described severe headaches he was experiencing following his first vaccination (he claimed that he never suffered headaches normally) and then he had a stroke 48 hours after his injection and was in a coma for over a month. He is still currently recovering and there are NO assurances that he will ever completely recover!? As a result, [REDACTED] WILL NOT/ CANNOT take the vaccine, even though his wife is a nurse who is paid to administer it!*
- 4. A teacher aide colleague of a close friend, in her 30's with a young family, experienced a brain aneurysm and passed away in the middle of the night only weeks after receiving her vaccination (with no prior health issues)!?*
- 5. One of my [REDACTED] temporarily lost partial vision after receiving her vaccination.*
- 6. My own [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have suffered constant lower back pain since their vaccinations and only this morning I read an article titled, "Rare Spinal Cord Condition Flagged as Potential Adverse Effect of COVID-19 Vaccines: EU Drug Regulator".*

*I could go on... EVERY OTHER DAY I hear more and more accounts of heartbreaking stories from people who have experienced adverse reactions themselves or from those who know someone who has. This is NOT very reassuring!! ISN'T THIS ABOUT OUR HEALTH?!?!*

*As an intelligent being, I am confused by the refusal to discuss these mandates and the vaccines openly and am baffled by the censorship around these topics!?*

*I am shocked by the Confidentiality clause in the letter of suspension that I and others have recently received from the Department of Education. We are basically being told that we are prohibited from discussing this with ANYONE other than whom the Department of Education deems appropriate. Doesn't our Employer realise that many staff members have questions, concerns and anxieties relating to taking the vaccine and the complete shut down of open communication about it, to me, definitely DOES NOT support positive morale and well-being, or promote individuals' confidence in taking the vaccine. These mandates have certainly impacted my mental, physical and emotional well-being over past months. I have spoken with several doctors regarding my feelings and concerns and was even told by one recently that they believed the vaccine mandates are no longer about people's health, but that it is now about Government control. I have lost faith in our government.*

*For your information, in response to an email that I sent out to all staff at our school with my feelings and concerns when these vaccine mandates were first announced, I received feedback from 12 other staff members at our school (via email and in person), all of whom are in support of individuals having the right to choose whether to take a Covid vaccine. The slight majority of those who responded to my email were unvaccinated at the time and DID NOT wish to take the vaccine and felt pressure to have to take it in order to continue their employment, to pay rent or mortgages, or to feed their family, to visit sick or elderly loved ones. The slight minority were already vaccinated, but believe individuals should have the right to choose and would have no issue working alongside unvaccinated colleagues. An alarming majority of people who are vaccinated, when you ask them, have NOT done it for HEALTH reasons, but they got vaccinated to keep their FREEDOM and their JOB! MANY parents from our school have contacted me privately regarding concerns about the mandates and*

*justifiably have expressed feeling anxious about the COVID-19 vaccines being mandated for children.*

*In addition, throughout the December to January holiday period I have been (unknowingly at the time) in close contact with at least two individuals who tested positive to Covid, both of whom were double vaccinated and I did not contract Covid through either of these close contacts. The real-life evidence that I have seen over the past couple of months is that it does not matter whether you have been double vaccinated or not, you are still able to contract and pass on Covid. An example of this is my [REDACTED] family where he is the only member of the house who is unvaccinated (due to his mate having had a stroke following his vaccination) and my [REDACTED] and 3 children are all double-vaccinated and all contracted and displayed symptoms of the Covid virus several days before my brother. During the course of their illness ALL family members suffered the same severity of symptoms, vaccinated or not and this has been the trend amongst other vaccinated and unvaccinated people I know who have recently tested positive to the COVID-19 virus.*

*My personal experience in nursing both my [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with cancer and in caring for my blind [REDACTED] has taught me to question medical advice and the side-effects of prescribed medication and to do my own research, because we were not always informed about the possible side-effects of some medications when they were prescribed.*

*It is of great concern that I am informed by a variety of Government sources, both State and Commonwealth, that the vaccines have not gone through the safeguard trials required of vaccinations generally and that the vaccines are being rushed*

*through on the basis of an emergency, but fail to provide protection from contracting nor spreading the virus. In addition, it is well known that individuals ARE experiencing a myriad of adverse reactions to the COVID-19 vaccines. These are reported on Government websites for all to see. Many experienced and highly regarded doctors, virologists, immunologists and vaccinologists Worldwide are questioning the safety of these vaccines that have not yet passed vigorous and long-term testing.*

*I request production of the written law that requires me to undergo a forced vaccination as a prerequisite of my employment. I request the production of the written data that proves the vaccine has undergone the clinical trials required of vaccines to prove its safety. I request that the law for mandated vaccinations be made pursuant to the constitutional guarantee. I also request that the health directions and mandates be proved, for enforcement, that it has been made in the fulfilment of the law that governs this Commonwealth, which unites and protects us.*

*Finally, not only do I LOVE my job, but it also enables me to provide for my 3 children, as I am THE SOLE PROVIDER/ CARER/ PARENT since losing [REDACTED] to cancer 7 years ago. [REDACTED] is deceased and [REDACTED] is completely blind with Glaucoma and my [REDACTED] are not in the best of health. The mandates that have resulted from your supposed 'state of emergency' have caused mental instability for many people I know, the division of friendships and relationships between loved ones, the obstruction of individuals actually doing POSITIVE things to promote GOOD HEALTH like getting outdoors, communicating with others and just giving a hug and a smile.*

*I don't see ANY need for an Extension to the Emergency Bill!! I see a flu and a population of people who need to get back to LIVING LIFE!!*

*My letter is written with absolute sincerity and concern and I look forward to your response.*

*Yours faithfully*

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*Primary Teacher*

