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To whom it may concern,

Please understand the fear and panic that has resulted from media and even government press releases is unfounded.

Certainly the issues related to covid are posing very little threat to society and cannot be construed as an emergency.

What the current emergency is: government over reach of emergency powers, resulting in the breaking of the economy and community health and well being both mentally and physically being compromised by the draconian mandates no longer needed.

Refer also to the speech from Mr KNUTH (Hill—KAP) from the FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT Tuesday, 22 February 2022

I point out that every death, whether COVID related or not, is tragic; however, the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics information released last week puts it in perspective. Over the 22 months of COVID, 273,901 Australians died; however, of these deaths only 2,639 people were COVID related with 92 per cent of these having three serious underlying conditions. Some 100,000 people died of cancer; 32,000 died of heart disease; 30,000 died of Alzheimer's and dementia; and 10,000 died of diabetes. COVID related deaths represent fewer than one per cent of the total deaths in Australia over the past 22 months. The median age of COVID related deaths was 81 years for men and 86 years for women. Both are above our national average life span. Far more people died from the flu than COVID. We had 2,639 COVID deaths over 22 months. However, over a period of 12 months in 2019, 4,124 people died of the flu. That is a far worse death toll. All this information can be found by anyone on the ABS website.

You are not calling the flu a pandemic even though it clearly is more deadly than COVID. You are not calling cancer a pandemic even though some 97000 more people died from cancer compared to COVID.

There is no emergency. We are a free country. Please restore our freedom to choose. By all means encourage vaccination but don't mandate it. Please allow us to live our lives as free citizens in our great nation of Australia. Restore our freedoms and the result will boost our economy.

Sincerely, Catherine Patson.

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