Health and Environment Committee

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Dear Parliament

whilst I do not have an issue with Chief Health Officer Dr Jeannette Young being granted an extension of her powers, there are considerable inconsistencies with what is permitted and what is banned.

- Victoria's very tough lockdown advised solo drivers in their own cars with immediate family members ..."Melburnians are not required to wear a mask when they are driving alone or with members of their household, however, all will need to carry one with you. If someone else in the vehicle with you, you must all wear a mask...".
- WHY were we required to wear a face mask whilst driving a car either solo OR with immediate family members with the windows up and AC on ???
- I found my glasses fogged up very easily with a mask, it was OK when walking locally or in Coles or Woolies etc BUT when driving it became an occupational health, safety issue for myself and other drivers due to loosing the ability to see 100%.
- Any exercise or physical activity where they are out of breath or puffing, such as running or push bike riding
- When entering or inside a financial institution, like a bank or childcare centre where ID and facial recognition is required for others or children's safety.
- Whilst reasonable lockdowns are acceptable, it comes to a shock to lockdown for only one confirmed case.
- The damage to business, tourism, travel, hospitality was excessive.
- QR CODES: QR code does not work on our phones, yet they are new models.
- The hospitality venue MUST also have the ability to use paper and pen for the older people who do not have newer phones, OR leave their phone elsewhere or batteries dead.

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Regards TERRY RODDICK