

## Health and Environment Committee

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As a Victorian I am only too aware of the devastating consequences of lock downs. Of great concern to me is that many of the Chief Health officers in this country are not taking an holistic view of the health consequences of this pandemic. There is a blindingly singular focus on COVID-19. No-one is suggesting that COVID-19 is inconsequential but the measures, time and again, that the Chief Health Officers are putting in place are far worse than the disease itself. My mother is 91 years old and has mild dementia. Her dementia accelerated over the lock down and when discussing the matter with her geriatrician he indicated that ALL his patients had similarly suffered. This has taken years off my mothers life expectancy and yet this is not taken in to account with the health officers. The propensity for increased cardiovascular disease and cancers because of delayed diagnosis is not considered by the health officers but senior medical professionals have warned of this often and very eloquently. My concern also goes to the young people in the community – loss of schooling and social interaction. This will have long lasting and deleterious effects.

So I am opposed to the Chief Health Officers having increased powers as they have misused and abused them and inflicted huge damage on the community.

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