




Speech By
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Coronavirus Vaccination, Enforcement

 **Mr ANDREW** (Mirani—PHON) (6.16 pm): I rise to make a contribution about the arguably unlawful mandating that is happening here in Queensland. Under the Queensland Human Rights Act 2019, section 17 explicitly rules out 'cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment ... or treatment without a person's full, free and informed consent'. Section 19 of the Human Rights Act 2019 states—

Every person lawfully within Queensland has the right to move freely within Queensland and to enter and leave it ...

Surely 'move freely' means that unvaccinated Queenslanders can go for a coffee with a mate at their cafe. Section 20(2) of the Human Rights Act 2019 states—

A person must not be coerced or restrained in a way that limits the person's freedom to have or adopt a religion or belief.

The COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020 specifically states under 'Application of Act'—

This Act applies despite any other Act or law other than the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

This clearly and irrefutably means that the Human Rights Act 2019 cannot be overridden or derailed by emergency response acts. This means that the Human Rights Act 2019 must still be observed, even with the use of emergency powers.

The deceptive narrative at the moment is that if you are not vaccinated, you cannot go to a coffee shop or movie or visit a loved one in hospital, but the fact is that when these mandates violate our human rights we must be exempt from following their directives. This legal right to be exempted, clearly spelt out in our Human Rights Act, has not been communicated to all Queenslanders, especially those who are losing their jobs because of their beliefs.

The Queensland vaccine mandate discriminates against those who object to the vaccine for any belief—for example, a religious or pro-life belief around the association of COVID-19 vaccine options currently available in Australia and aborted fetal cells HEK293. The government needs to respect the rights of Queenslanders and seriously consider other vaccine options that do not have the association with abortion whilst still keeping vaccine as a choice and not a mandate.

An alternative vaccine with no association to abortion is in stage 4 development in South Australia by Flinders University. It is called COVAX-19. COVAX-19 is in the clinical trial stage and, as stated on its GoFundMe page, has already raised \$500,000 from over 5,000 donations. There have been more than 6,000 who have responded to the COVAX-19 clinical trial, showing just how many Australians want an alternative vaccine. To face 6,500—

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