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Dear Committee Secretary,

Please accept my submission for the inquiry into the terms of reference for a COVID-19 Royal Commission.

The pandemic, and governments' attempts to manage it, affected every Australian in some way. The economy was strangled, schools were shut down, borders were closed, Australians lost their jobs, businesses were forced to close, and individual rights and freedoms were severely curtailed.

Therefore, we need a Royal Commission to hear evidence from a wide range of individuals as well as organisations, churches, and businesses. The Commission must also conduct an honest and thorough examination of how both Federal and State or Territory governments managed the pandemic to determine whether the extreme means employed did, in fact, justify the ends achieved.

I believe that the terms of reference should specifically include a focus on freedoms and human rights, particularly with regards to the vaccine mandates and discrimination against those who chose not to receive the vaccine. Furthermore, the terms of reference should also consider whether Australia was in breach of its international treaty obligations, which enshrine rights such as "no one shall be subjected without his free consent to medical or scientific experimentation" and "the law shall prohibit any discrimination and guarantee to all persons equal and effective protection against discrimination on any ground" (from the UN International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights).

In this way, I pray that such a Royal Commission will thoroughly examine and assess – from an unbiased viewpoint – the management of the recent pandemic.

I am not confident enough to write these sorts of things by myself and I pray many other people who care enough about this will spend a little bit of money to get help from others if necessary, and do it.

Yours prayerfully,

Phil Murada