

**To:** [Committee, Health \(REPS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Form Submission - Inquiry into Long Covid and Repeated Infection Submission  
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**What is your experience of being a patient in Australia of long COVID and/or repeated COVID infections, particularly regarding diagnosis and treatment?:** My experience is exhausting. I'm so tired all the time and no one can help me. I lost my taste and smell. My ability to concentrate has been affected.

**What have the health, social, educational and economic impacts been for you, in relation to long COVID or repeated infection? Has there been an impact on your family or community?:** I have to work longer hours to get my work done. I forget things for my kids and we have had wave after wave of viruses through our house. Life was so much easier before.

**What specific actions would you like to be taken in relation to Long Covid and Repeated infection, that would positively impact the situations you have outlined above? :** Actions I would like to see taken are antivirals such as paxlovid available for anyone who has suffered with a previous infection. It's impossible to avoid COVID now that people can go about their lives while positive so at least make treatment available to everyone who needs it. I can't bare the thought of getting worse from another infection.

Make it safe for my kids to go to school with filtration, ventilation, masks for close contacts, make it illegal for children to attend school with COVID.

Please. We have to do something.

Allow children to get boosters.

Please take actions to reduce transmission!

**I would like the Inquiry to contact me to discuss privacy and confidentiality options for my submission:** Yes