Inquiry into Long COVID and Repeated COVID Infections Submission 5

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My son, aged 50 years has had covid twice in two years and has been left with massive fatigue, Chronic fatigue status. Covid is a severe, debilitating virus that needs careful monitoring so that histories are taken accurately by Health Professionals and statistics kept on this very virulent communicable disease. Outcomes from covid have been experienced by so many people leaving them with deficient taste, inability to sleep, little or no physical stamina, waves of nausea, inability to focus on task at hand.

There is a picture being painted by the Governments in various states that this disease is "over" and we can all get back to resuming life as normal. This is far from accurate or helpful, particularly the enormous impact being experienced by overworked, over burdened doctors and nurses who have been on the front line for three years now, and could continue for many more months, and years to follow. There seem to be a enormous deficiency in Governments ability to truly understand after effects of this pandemic. We see this reflected in the removal of preventative measures—wearing of masks, social distancing, home and isolation for at least 7 days following accurate diagnosis. The removal of such measures is causing MAJOR problems to the workforce that once had some predictability, but now has none!