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Joint Standing Committee on Treaties  
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Dear Committee Members

## **2024 Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comment on the 2024 Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHRs) and whether or not they are in the national interest.

I maintain they are not and urge the Committee to recommend against their implementation in the strongest possible terms.

Not only are the IHRs not in the national interest, but their adoption would prove detrimental to Australia in many ways.

The National Interest Analysis: Amendments to the International Health Regulations (Geneva, 1 June 2024)<sup>1</sup> cannot be relied upon by the Committee because it fails to address any of the serious flaws of the IHRs, described below.

### **1. WHO's lack of independence**

Firstly, the IHRs require Australia to implement the policies of the World Health Organization (WHO) and this is not in the national interest because the WHO is not working for the benefit of Australians. It is working for the benefit of its investors, including large corporations.

- The WHO is devoted to making money for investors and promises a healthy return on investments, as can be seen from the image below.<sup>2</sup>

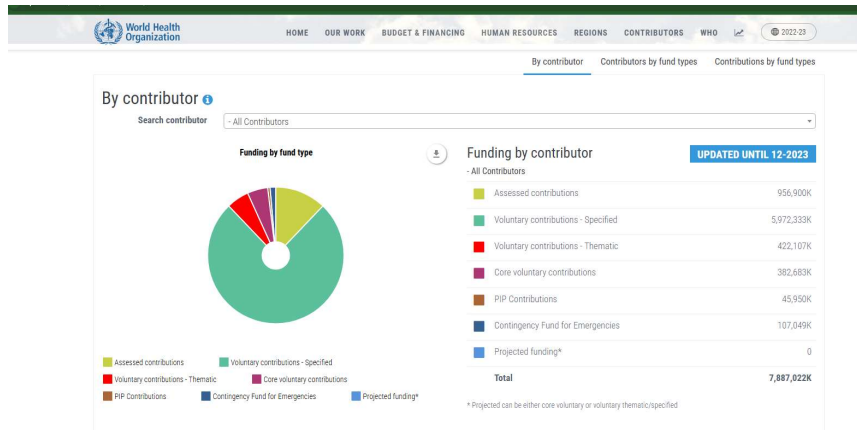


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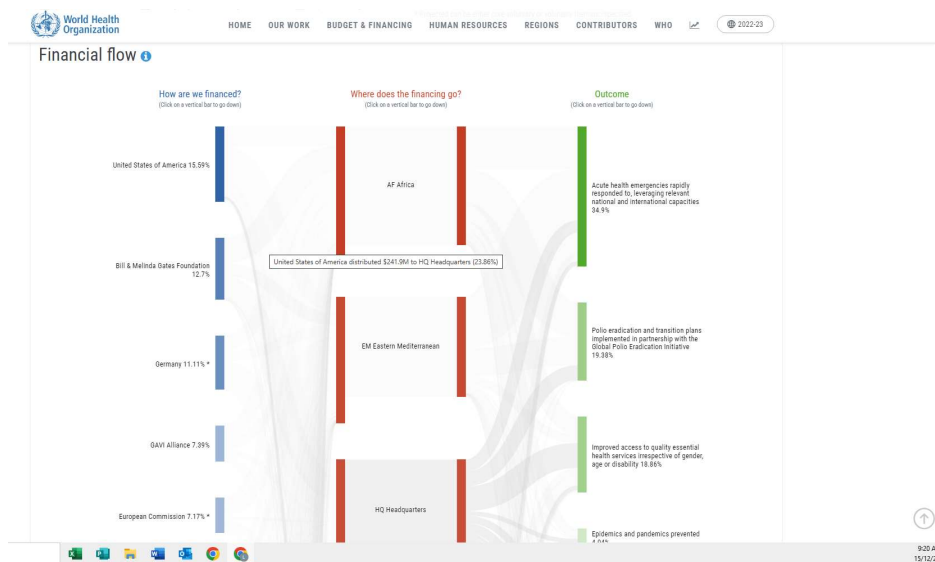
<sup>1</sup> National Interest Analysis: Amendments to the International Health Regulations (Geneva, 1 June 2024), [https://www.aph.gov.au/-/media/02\\_Parliamentary\\_Business/24\\_Committees/244\\_Joint\\_Committees/JSCT/2024/Health\\_regulations/NIA.pdf?la=en&hash=C6A18E06B0D3589DB0BF64D122D6A63D777BF919](https://www.aph.gov.au/-/media/02_Parliamentary_Business/24_Committees/244_Joint_Committees/JSCT/2024/Health_regulations/NIA.pdf?la=en&hash=C6A18E06B0D3589DB0BF64D122D6A63D777BF919)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.who.int/about/funding/invest-in-who/investment-case-2.0> and <https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/354372/9789240050006-eng.pdf?sequence=1>

- A large percentage of the WHO’s funding is ‘specified’ for particular purposes as can be seen in this graph on the following page.<sup>3</sup> This means that it’s the WHO’s investors that determine the WHO’s activities and the IHRs will give these investors power and influence over Australians’ health.



- The WHO’s largest funder is Bill Gates via the Billa and Melinda Gates Foundation and GAVI Alliance.



<sup>3</sup> <https://open.who.int/2022-23/contributors/contributor>

## 2. WHO's links with Big Pharma

Secondly, the IHRs require Australia to implement the policies of the WHO and this is not in the national interest because the WHO is not an independent health authority but an organisation that prioritises the interests of the pharmaceutical industry over the world population and over health.

- The WHO had the choice of protecting the public or the pharmaceutical industry from risk. It chose to protect the pharmaceutical industry by negotiating liability-free contracts so the industry could not be held to account if its products caused harm.
- The IHRs developed by the WHO mandate the use of pharmaceutical interventions, such as 'medicines', 'vaccines' and 'cell- and gene-based therapies' and do not consider non-pharmaceutical interventions such as nutrition and supplements or low-priced but effective pharmaceuticals such as Ivermectin.
- The WHO promoted the use of pharmaceutical 'vaccines' during Covid-19 as a result of which the pharmaceutical industry derived huge profits.<sup>4</sup>



- The WHO promoted and continues to promote the use of pharmaceutical 'vaccines' for Covid-19, even though initial testing had found some vaccines to be harmful and even though compelling evidence of harm from vaccination continues to emerge (see below).

## 3. WHO's pandemic management failure

Thirdly, the IHRs are not in the national interest because they require Australia to implement the WHO's pandemic management strategy which was demonstrated to be an abject failure during Covid19.

- The WHO's mask-wearing strategy failed to stop the spread of Covid-19.

Dr Duncan Syme, Vice President of the Australian Medical Professionals Society has pointed out that "A recent Cochrane Meta analysis, has confirmed what has been long standing scientific consensus: surgical, cloth and N95 masks do not stop viral transmission."<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.somo.nl/big-pharma-raked-in-usd-90-billion-in-profits-with-covid-19-vaccines/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://amps.redunion.com.au/news/mask-mandates-are-unscientific-and-futile>

- The WHO's lockdown strategy failed to stop the spread of Covid-19.
- The WHO's vaccination strategy failed to stop the spread of Covid-19. A major investigation reported that 'the COVID-19 vaccine did not stop the spread or transmission of the virus.'<sup>6</sup>
- The WHO's Covid-19 vaccination strategy caused mild to serious health problems and loss of life.
  - Australian councils have voted to suspend mRNA Covid-19 vaccinations based on evidence of harm.<sup>7</sup>
  - Japanese politician Kazuhiro Haraguchi apologized for the huge number of deaths occurring among the vaccinated population, saying, 'I apologize to all of you. So many have died, and they shouldn't have.'<sup>8</sup>
- The WHO's Covid-19 vaccination strategy caused adverse psychiatric effects including depression, anxiety, dissociative, stress-related and somatoform disorders, sleep disorders and sexual disorders.<sup>9</sup>
- The WHO failed to recognise that Covid-19 was not a naturally occurring disease and failed to admit its true origin. There is now extensive evidence that Covid-19 is the result of laboratory research on gain-of-function science conducted in Wuhan, China.'<sup>10</sup>
- The WHO has done nothing to address the risks of gain-of-function research.
- 'The WHO's response to the COVID-19 pandemic was an abject failure because it caved to pressure from the Chinese Communist Party and placed China's political interests ahead of its international duties. Further, the WHO's newest effort to solve the problems exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic — via a "Pandemic Treaty" — may harm the United States.'<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> FINAL REPORT: COVID Select Concludes 2-Year Investigation, Issues 500+ Page Final Report on Lessons Learned and the Path Forward, Press Release, 2.12.24, <https://oversight.house.gov/release/final-report-covid-select-concludes-2-year-investigation-issues-500-page-final-report-on-lessons-learned-and-the-path-forward/>

<sup>7</sup> [Eg b7-433d-970d-c4998148b988\\_1440x811.png?utm\\_source=substack&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.porthedland.wa.gov.au/news/special-council-meeting-update/25945)  
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<sup>8</sup> [Japanese Leader Apologizes to the Unvaccinated: 'You Were Right, Vaccines Are Killing Millions of Our Loved Ones' - The People's Voice](#)

<sup>9</sup> Kim, H.J., Kim, M.H., Choi, M.G. et al. Psychiatric adverse events following COVID-19 vaccination: a population-based cohort study in Seoul, South Korea. *Mol Psychiatry* 29, 3635–3643 (2024).  
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41380-024-02627-0>

<sup>10</sup> Dr Richard M Fleming PhD, MD, JD, 'Is Covid-19 a Bioweapon? A Scientific and Forensic Investigation,' Simon and Schuster

<sup>11</sup> FINAL REPORT: COVID Select Concludes 2-Year Investigation, Issues 500+ Page Final Report on Lessons Learned and the Path Forward, Press Release, 2.12.24, <https://oversight.house.gov/release/final->

- In the WHO's Covid-19 Vaccination Policy Brief, December 2024<sup>12</sup>, the WHO advocates for the continued vaccination of populations of member states even though:
  - the WHO's Covid-19 vaccination strategy was a failure
  - Covid-19 is no longer a pandemic threat
  - the Covid-19 vaccinations have been shown to be harmful
  - Many batches of Covid-19 vaccines were found to be contaminated with genetic material, the effects of which cannot be known for generations.

The WHO's justifications for this are flawed.

- The aim 'to reduce morbidity, mortality' is flawed because the vaccines failed to do this.
- The statement that 'the fact that most people have had at least one SARS-CoV-2 infection, has contributed to increased global population immunity' is flawed because vaccination didn't protect the community and data from different countries shows that people who were vaccinated had increased risks of Covid-19 incidence.
- The argument that the global population should be vaccinated because 'Tens of thousands of people are infected or re-infected with SARS-CoV-2 each week is flawed because it assumes that number of infections equals severity. It does not.

The above points demonstrate that the WHO is distorting evidence, making unsubstantiated claims and that Australians cannot rely on the WHO's judgement or directives to protect their health.

It will be clear to those Australians who lived through the Covid-19 experience, that the draconian interventions recommended by the WHO and imposed by Australian governments failed totally to stop Covid-19 in its tracks and eventually just about everyone caught it anyway.

Thus, continuing to support the WHO's IHRs for pandemic management is beyond ridiculous.

#### **4. WHO's IHRs cause social harm**

Fourth, the WHO's pandemic management strategy is not in the national interest because it will cause enormous social harm.

The WHO's lockdown policies caused immense suffering in Australia during Covid-19.

- It caused psychological distress – loneliness, depression, anxiety and increased suicide.
- It harmed relationships – relationship breakups and increased levels of domestic violence.

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<sup>12</sup> WHO Policy Brief, Covid-19 vaccination, December 2024,  
<https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/who-policy-brief-clinical-management-of-covid-19>

- It adversely affected healthy – inability to exercise, more screen time, less healthy food, increased alcohol intake, weight gain.
- It adversely affected education – schools closed and children lost effective learning time.

Implementing more lockdowns, as required by the IHRs, will cause more such problems.

## **5. WHO's IHRs cause economic harm**

Fifth, the WHO's IHRs are not in the national interest because they will cause enormous economic harm in Australia.

- The lockdown policies of the IHRs caused immense economic hardship for Australians during Covid-19 from which many families have yet to recover. Businesses closed, hundreds of thousands of jobs were lost and lost income caused distress and increased homelessness.
- Implementing the policies of the IHRs will be costly. Government expenditure on Covid cost Australia nearly \$935 billion dollars – unnecessarily, as these measures didn't stop covid anyway.
- A cost-benefit analysis should have been conducted before Mark Butler committed Australia to the Amended IHRs mid-year. However, no cost-benefit analysis has emerged, suggesting that there *are* no economic advantages for Australia in adopting the IHRs.

## **6. WHO's IHRs harm health**

Sixth, the IHRs are not in the national interest because they harm the health of Australians.

- They require people to be injected with pharmaceutical drugs chosen by the WHO, which has been shown above to work for the benefit of the pharmaceutical industry and not public health.
- These drugs include experimental drugs and gene therapies which have not been proven to be safe, effective and in the public interest.
- The WHO cannot be trusted to recommend appropriate treatments. It recommended, and continues to recommend, injection with pharmaceutical drugs demonstrated to be harmful.

- It's been shown that 'Vaccine mandates were not supported by science and caused more harm than good.'<sup>13</sup>
- Implementing the IHRs means preventing medical professionals from making informed judgments and expressing their professional opinions. During Covid-19 the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) persecuted medical professions for doing just this, as can be seen in this letter below, harming public health.

'The increasing pressure on medical practitioners in Australia to unquestioningly endorse public health guidelines, in situations where proper individualised informed consent may be compromised, is a clear risk to public protection. We are deeply troubled by the apparent continued censorship and intimidation of medical professionals who raise concerns about potential harms or who advocate patient choice and safety. This situation is not only unethical but also dangerous, as it stifles the very discourse and critical thinking that are essential to the advancement of medical science and the provision of high-quality patient care.'<sup>14</sup>

- Implementing the IHRs in Australia allows authorities to force individuals to have medical 'treatments' such as pharmaceutical drugs and gene therapies against their will. This removes individuals' rights to bodily autonomy and is not in their best interest, either physically or psychologically.

## **7. IHRs not acceptable to Australians**

Seventh, the IHR's are not acceptable to Australians because:

- they will impose lockdowns with its many negative consequences
- they will impose 'misinformation' and 'disinformation' regulations that Australians have vigorously and loudly opposed
- they will enforce medical examinations against peoples' will
- they will enforce isolation and quarantine
- they increase surveillance and threaten privacy
- they will force people to be injected with pharmaceutical drugs to which they object and which haven't been proven safe or effective, removing bodily autonomy
- they will not allow for individual differences among populations, needs, sensitivities and health status

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<sup>14</sup> Australian Medical Professionals' society, 26 September, 2024, [https://8630368.fs1.hubspotusercontent-na1.net/hubfs/8630368/Human-Cost-of-AHPRA-26\\_9\\_24-1.pdf?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR2AcKBz7UCQtBLYITGKGc01ekikCyE4mQq0u2A2xpZa82it1E8HTg9cixk\\_aem\\_oIWrsYIUEDA\\_X\\_PbHUL19g](https://8630368.fs1.hubspotusercontent-na1.net/hubfs/8630368/Human-Cost-of-AHPRA-26_9_24-1.pdf?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR2AcKBz7UCQtBLYITGKGc01ekikCyE4mQq0u2A2xpZa82it1E8HTg9cixk_aem_oIWrsYIUEDA_X_PbHUL19g)

- they will potentially cause more side effects, including death
- they give an overseas agency with links to Big Corporations excessive power over Australians
- they deny Australians any opportunity for compensation from pharmaceutical manufacturers for harm they may – and likely will – cause.

The Federal Government must consider that, just because Australians were coerced into having Covid-19 pharmaceutical injections does *not* mean that they will allow themselves to be coerced into having pharmaceutical injections in the future.

Many Australians have learnt their lesson. They know the WHO's 'vaccines' didn't work. They know they caused harm. Many people are still suffering from harm they caused. They do not trust the WHO. They do not trust the Federal Government to protect them. They know they were hoodwinked once and they won't be so easily manipulated again.

Forcing the IHR's onto unwilling Australians is likely to cause enormous social distress and has the potential for civil unrest. Further, the sacking of healthy people who refuse to be vaccinated will, as it did last time, cause serious and ongoing staff shortage in vital areas of work such as health care emergency services and teaching.

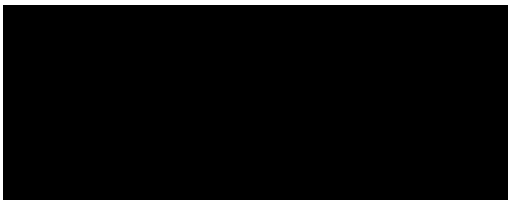
The IHRs are not in the national interest.

The National Interest Analysis does *not* address these important issues and does *not* accurately represent the consequences of the IHRs for the national interest. It cannot be relied upon in assessing the impact of the IHRs on the national interest.

Like many Australians, I do not consent to the IHRs.

I urge the Committee to reject the IHRs and ensure that Australia is protected from the harm that they will otherwise cause.

Yours faithfully

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