

Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
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Dear Committee Members,

RE: INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS

I draw your attention to this matter which parliament has referred to this committee.

In what way is it in Australia's interest to abandon Australian Health Management Plans, instead following instructions and orders issued by the World Health Organisation from a European location?

Realistically, how can one set of instructions and orders on health matters be relevant to every country in the world, regardless of season, climate or population structure?

Government decisions regarding health matters in Australia should be made by people in Australia, responding in an Australian context (such as summer / winter, city / rural, etc.).

Further,

- Health matters from the World Health Organisation are increasingly being issued as directives instead of the historically typical guidelines.
- The International Health Regulations which the committee is reviewing, were adopted at the 77th assembly neither by majority (only 37 of 194 country

members were present) nor by vote (but by consensus of those present).

I encourage the committee to consider in what way these International Health Regulations are truly in Australia's interest and accordingly advise parliament to reject them.

Yours faithfully

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