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Dear Ms Dunstone

### **Inquiry into a COVID-19 Royal Commission**

I write in answer to your letter dated 21 March 2024 to the Hon Justice Robert Beech-Jones offering him the opportunity to respond to a "comment" provided to the Committee as part of its inquiry. Justice Beech-Jones does not wish to provide any response.

I draw to the Committee's attention the fact that Justice Beech-Jones' judgment in *Kassam v Hazard* [2021] NSWSC 1320 was delivered on 15 October 2021. The academic paper "Covid-19 Vaccine Mandates: A Coercive but Justified Public Health Necessity" was published in July 2023 in Volume 26 of the University of New South Wales Law Journal along with a number of other articles. Justice Beech-Jones wrote the Foreword to that volume of the Law Journal.

Yours sincerely

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25 March 2024