

Good Afternoon Committee

I would like to enter my submission for the above Bill.

At the start of the mandates for workers to be vaccinated to enable them to work I telephoned our workers compensation policy company to enquire whether the workers would be covered if they had an adverse reaction to the vaccination.

Initially I was informed that this would not be covered under this policy. I then enquired to the fair work commissioner who informed me that this was not the case and that the workers compensation policy claim should be considered on a case by case basis. I also took legal advice that advised that should a worker be injured due to having been required to take the vaccination that the employer could possibly be sued should the workers compensation policy not cover the event. This puts businesses in a very difficult situation especially small and medium sized.

My point of view is that there should be no mandates at all. People should have the total right over what goes into their own bodies. Governments put in place anti-discrimination laws which should cover not only the rights of minorities but also of the majority.

Australia is a democracy and as such should stand by truly democratic principles.

Thank you for accepting my submission.

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