

ATTACHMENT 5

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Restrictions include masks, social distancing, movements, work, social activities – like people naturally do with the flu.

Let’s focus on masks that to many people are the most obvious restriction apart from lockdowns.

State and territory governments have never provided the empirical scientific evidence that masks are effective when worn in public.

1. Restrictions are Often Contradictory, Inconsistent and Capricious

In the early days of COVID-19 in Australia, there was a shortage of masks and at the time governments and supposed experts advised people that masks do not provide protection, are useless and there was no need to wear masks.

In February 2020 the 81-year-old Anthony Fauci, Director of America’s National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases since 1984, wrote that face masks are “*not effective in keeping out the virus*”. He said COVID is “*small enough to pass through material*.”

Later he changed his view and made a point of strongly supporting the use of masks apparently without providing empirical scientific evidence.

Now that American Senator Rand Paul has exposed Fauci’s dishonesty on the virus and on peddling the globalist agenda and especially now that investigative journalist Sharri Markson has exposed his dishonest denial of any involvement with Wuhan Institute of Virology, the source of COVID-19 he is now rapidly becoming infamous.

New Mexico state Senator and Doctor Gregg Schmedes showed that America’s Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) relies for its support for masks upon references provided on its website. The first reference cited studied two hairdressers. According to Schmedes the CDC dismisses studies showing masks are not effective for having a small sample population yet the study involves 3,030 people contains too few people. The contradictions among government agencies here and overseas are staggering and undermines public confidence.

When notifying Queenslanders of three COVID-19 cases in Southeast Queensland in January 2021, the Health Minister, Yvette D’Ath, discussed the government order mandating the wearing of masks. When journalists asked whether that order applied to drivers alone in their car, she paused, looked puzzled and then blurted out a hesitant “yes”. It was clear no one had envisaged such a question and that she had no idea. So much for the science.

In a later mask mandate imposed as a result of a minor number of cases, the government mandated the wearing of masks across the entire length and breadth of Queensland, including Bamaga on the tip of Cape York, approximately 2,700 km from Brisbane.

Are governments behaving capriciously and irresponsibly because of incompetence, or because they are knowingly using masks to condition fear?

Some medical experts considered masks, at best, useless. Others consider them detrimental to people’s health.

Masks are considered detrimental to our planet as a form of pollution.

Data

Where, specifically, is governments’ peer-reviewed empirical data as evidence that the general public’s wearing of masks in public places is necessary? Governments have not provided the specific publication title, author(s) name(s) and the specific page numbers to obtain the data and the scientific logical framework proving cause-and-effect.

Similarly, governments have not provided the specific location of peer-reviewed empirical data as evidence that other restrictions work, are necessary medically and are beneficial to society in terms of cost-benefit involving social, economic and other considerations?

Given the capricious and at times illogical directives involving masks and their possible adverse effects on the wearer’s health and on social interactions and safety, as well as children’s development, it seems that the purpose of masks is conditioning people and driving fear with constant reminders of the exaggerated virus effect.

Under the circumstances, the purpose of masks seems to be to control people.

2. Testing, Tracing & Quarantining – Taiwan’s Success

The Victorian hotel quarantine inquiry highlighted gross mismanagement:

- *“The remarkable report of Jennifer Coate into the Victorian hotel quarantine disaster details the squabbles between public servants, the incorrect delegations of responsibility and the sad role of cabinet ministers in this affair. <https://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/how-union-failures-fuelled-melbourne-protests/news-story/4107707be5801f98e2090954ff272042>.”*

She graphically described what happened as a *“lack of proper leadership and oversight”*, a *“catastrophe waiting to happen”* and a *“disaster that tragically came to be”*. Mismanagement.

In Senate speeches on Monday 23 March and Wednesday 8 April 2020, I referenced Taiwan’s performance and note again that its challenge was far more difficult than Australia’s, yet its performance far superior, and Taiwan achieved that without lockdowns:

- Taiwan’s population of 24 million people is similar to Australia’s 25 million.
- Taiwan’s population is crammed into an area of 36,193 square kilometres, while Australia’s people are spread out over 7,692,000 square kilometres. Taiwan’s population density is 663 people per square kilometre compared with Australia’s 3 people per square kilometre. After allowing for most Australians living in metropolitan areas, the population density of Taiwan’s major cities is still far higher than in Australian cities enabling the virus to be more easily transmitted in Taiwan.
- The virus arrived much earlier in Taiwan than in Australia.
- Taiwan’s Chinese population has many more interactions with mainland China than does Australia’s population.

- Despite Taiwan’s far greater challenge in managing the virus Taiwan had no lockdown and for the first year incurred seven COVID-19 deaths, whereas Australia had more than 900 over the equivalent period and had severe lockdowns in many states and cities.
- Taiwan’s economy continued with almost no impact, whereas Australian jobs and livelihoods were gutted.
- Reportedly, following a major break in quarantine “*Taiwan imposed restrictions on gatherings, including closing entertainment venues and limiting restaurants to take-out service, in mid-May (2021) following a spike in domestic cases after months of no or few cases apart from imported ones.*” <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/taiwan-lower-covid-19-alert-level-cases-drop-2021-07-23/>.
- Taiwan’s death rate climbed steeply following a quarantine breach yet due to Taiwan’s superior management, the outbreak plummeted as quickly. Despite the serious major breach of quarantine, Taiwan’s death rate as of 11 October 2021 was 35, while Australia’s was 1.6 times higher under state regimes imposing numerous long, severe, and sometimes brutal lockdowns whereas Taiwan had no lockdowns.
- Instead, Taiwan’s government realised that health and the economy are not competing priorities because the people’s current and future health depend on economic health.
- Page 28 of the Australian Department of Health’s “plan” entitled *Australian Health Sector Emergency Response Plan for Coronavirus (COVID-19)* states:
 - “5.3 Resilience. Building preparedness within Australia’s health systems will contribute to the resilience and sustainability of our systems. ...
*To build resilience within our most vulnerable populations, communications within the health sector will be used to raise awareness of at-risk groups and their associated needs.
Measures will also be implemented with consideration of necessary adaptations to meet the needs of these individuals and communities. The needs and challenges of communicating with low socio-economic communities, which may have reduced access to healthcare, will also be considered.*”
- As I said repeatedly in the senate in 2020, Taiwan’s comprehensive plan for testing, tracing and quarantining was and is far superior to Australia’s mismanagement due to lack of data, politicians playing politics and reliance on lockdowns.
- The UN’s World Health Organisation has repeatedly suppressed news of Taiwan’s success.

Economic health is vital for future health: mental health, physical health, human interaction, human rights and freedom.

Australian federal and state governments do not have a comprehensive plan based on the seven-strategies that the federal Chief Medical Officer and federal Department of Health secretary confirmed as the strategies for an effective plan.

The Australian state and federal governments have destroyed people’s trust in government.

Australia failed in this aspect because, as is typical of Australian governments and parliaments, decisions and policies are made all too often without the necessary empirical and objective data and often in contradiction of the empirical, objective data.

3. Personal Behaviour: Hand Washing ...

- Just like the flu, with COVID-19 personal hygiene is important for managing the virus.
- Governments have discussed this.
- This is another strategy as part of the seven-strategy plan discussed above.

4. Fitness and General Health

- Just like with the flu, people’s immune system is stronger with regular sunshine, fresh air, exercise, Vitamin D, sound nutrition, human engagement, lower stress.
- Obesity is a major COVID-19 co-morbidity.
- Government has been silent about advice on ways to minimise other co-morbidities and risk factors.
- This is another strategy as part of the seven-strategy plan discussed above.

5. Lack of a Comprehensive Plan for Managing the Virus

In Senate Budget Estimates hearings in May-June 2021, the federal Chief Medical Officer and secretary of the federal Department of Health confirmed as accurate and complete the seven strategies needed for a comprehensive plan for managing a virus. These are:

1. Treatments and cures such as antivirals and prophylactics
2. Testing, tracing, quarantining
3. Fitness and general health
4. Personal behaviour (such as washing hands and hygiene)
5. Restrictions including the wearing of masks and social distancing
6. Vaccines
7. Lockdowns (initially to get control of the virus)

From the inconsistent and often contradictory behaviour within each state and across states and the federal government, and from the lack of data shared with the public, it is clear that there is no coherent, comprehensive plan for managing the virus, and it is clear that the so-called national “cabinet’s” “plans” and “roadmaps” are not comprehensive plans.

The public blaming, public criticism, bickering, squabbling, contradictions, reversals and lies confirm the lack of solid data for decisions, policies and edicts confirm the lack of a coherent, comprehensive plan and confirm a lack of commitment and integrity across the states.

This confirms the lack of leadership.

The edicts and orders imposed without consultation and explanatory data as justification reveal abandonment of leadership and instead the use of force, coercion and control.

6. Control Measures

- So-called health directives made under state emergency directives contain many contradictions that betray them as unscientific and capricious. State governments contradictions occur within each government, between governments and with the federal government.

- Instead of a plan and informed leadership there is no meaningful direction for the nation or for states.
- Police are used coercively and violently. Victorian police head-slammed a 74-year-old red-headed lady and a non-threatening man into the ground among many needlessly violent acts.
- People lost the fundamental right to protest government. Governments reveal they fear protestors and free speech.
- Governments make many unlawful and unjustified breaches of laws.
- The federal government deceitfully and breached the federal constitution, Section 51, 23A. Its actions remain unconstitutional.
- There is a massive taxpayer-funded concerted media and propaganda campaign.
- News of Taiwan’s success has been ignored.
- Governments push a strategy of division and separation within the community resulting in medical tyranny and medical apartheid.
- Labels, smears, and lies such use of the terms neo-Nazis, extreme far right, anti-vaxxers create and maintain division. These become subtle implicit controls and suppression.
- Fear based on gross exaggerations and dishonesty reveal the common political tool to control. Fear bypasses the human neo-cortex responsible for rational, logical thinking and many people swallow ludicrous edicts.
- Governments have abandoned respect for the people, the law and integrity.
- Queensland’s state health system was in crisis before COVID and now the Premier blames the people not injected.

7. Control Including Coercion and Force is the Opposite of Leadership

- Instead of listening to people, lazy and incompetent politicians are labelling and dismissing people.
- Instead of planning, politicians are controlling and suppressing.
- Instead of uniting people invoking courage, politicians are dividing with fear.
- Instead of uniting people with objective scientific data and facts, politicians are dividing people with politics.
- Instead of uniting people for freedom, politicians are dividing people for control.
- Instead of uniting people for humanity, politicians are dividing people for power.
- Governments are undermining their authority and societal values.
- Governments are undermining respect for the law and for society.
- People then do the same.

Where’s the plan for managing the virus? We cannot afford to open and close repeatedly and endure waves, especially now that politicians are calling for us to live with the virus, as other countries are already doing.

For a plan to be complete and effective it needs to be based on solid, replicable, objective data and specify the basic elements of 5 x W’s and H:

- What?
- Why?
- Who?
- When?
- Where?
- And then How?

With continued capricious opening and closing and the lack of a plan for managing the virus, the vulnerable will be at most risk.

Where’s the data on which policies, decisions and orders were made?

Where’s the Treasury modelling? Federal Treasury? State Treasury? Economic impacts? These are needed to assess the impacts and assess the benefits and costs? And to reassure people.

What are the costs economically on our state and federal economies, small businesses, our communities, individual citizens?

The Queensland Premier dishonestly and misleadingly trotted out an existing infrastructure plan that was launched before COVID and re-branded it as a COVID measure. Was that for political gain?

After 18 months, where is the government’s plan?

The federal government also trotted out a pretty website pretending it was a plan. Page 9 of the Australian Department of Health’s “plan” entitled *Australian Health Sector Emergency Response Plan for Coronavirus (COVID-19)* states:

- **“2.6 Ethical framework**

In 2008, AHPPC agreed on an ethical framework to guide health sector responses. These values will be taken into account when planning and implementing actions under this plan, and can be outlined as:

Equity - *Providing care in an equitable manner, recognising special needs, cultural values and religious beliefs of different members of the community. This is especially important when providing health services to vulnerable individuals, such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and people who are culturally and linguistically diverse.*

Individual liberty - *Ensuring that the rights of the individual are upheld as much as possible*

Privacy and confidentiality of individuals - *Is important and should be protected. Under extraordinary conditions during a pandemic, it may be necessary for some elements to be overridden to protect others.*

Proportionality - *Ensuring that measures taken are proportional to the threat.*

Protection of the public - Ensuring that the protection of the entire population remains a primary focus.

Provision of care - Ensuring that health care workers (HCWs) are able to deliver care appropriate to the situation, commensurate with good practice, and their profession’s code of ethics.

Reciprocity - Ensuring that when individuals are asked to take measures or perform duties for the benefit of society, their acts are appropriately recognised and legitimate need associated with these acts are met where possible.

Stewardship - That leaders strive to make good decisions based on best available evidence.

Trust - That health decision makers strive to communicate in a timely and transparent manner to the public and those within the health system.”

Various provisions above show that the “plan” is not a plan, rather it is a glossy façade trying to look good, not do good. Breaches of these simple and important concepts show lack of respect for the people and a lack of integrity.

Was the intent to mislead people into thinking there was a comprehensive plan when there was no such thing?

From page 42 of the same “plan” - “*Targeted action stage*:

- *The Targeted Action stage of response will commence when there is sufficient information collected about the virus to inform the refinement of the outbreak response measures already implemented, such as the scaling down or ceasing of some measures. The key objective of the Targeted Action stage is ensuring a **proportionate response** to the outbreak, so scarce resources are properly allocated where most needed and that the risk to susceptible people in the community is mitigated.”*

Why was this measure not done and apparently largely ignored?

From page 37 of the Department of Health’s plan: - “*Across all activities the **Strategic Objectives** of this response will be to:*

- *Identifying and characterising the nature of the virus and the disease in the Australian context;*
- *Minimise transmissibility, morbidity and mortality;*
- *Minimise the burden on support health systems; and*
- *Inform, engage and empower the public.”*

Why did the government’s approach not change as experience accumulated?

Instead of a data-driven plan, there are controls that are often capricious, contradictory, and inconsistent.

Why didn’t the so-called National Cabinet build hospitals and beds, instead of betting everything on untested, unproven and risky ‘vaccine’ injections? Was it because governments knew the data did not warrant the investment because the virus is dangerous only to a small percentage of people?

8. Coordinated Use of Slogans, Tactics and Sources Across Australia and the Western World

These are another form of controlling people.

Our state Premiers, our Prime Minister and the Prime Ministers or Presidents of western nations were clearly co-ordinated in their use of slogans such as “Build Back Better”, other messaging and use of tactics such as policies on travel during early and subsequent phases of the COVID-19 campaigns. We note that:

- The UN WHO, the UN as a whole, and the World Economic Forum all contain an extensive network of entities and people with financial interest in big pharmaceutical companies.
- Even before COVID-19, billions of dollars were being funnelled into companies like Pfizer through the World Economic Forum to set up vaccine alliances and pursue mRNA vaccine technology.
- These organisations held Pandemic Simulations in which world leaders, chief health/medical officers, senior bureaucrats, military commanders, media and high-level political advisors came together to model pandemics and agree on one common response.
- The environment was apparently created to exaggerate a future pandemic and then promote COVID-19 as an apocalyptic event in order to sell drugs from big multinational and transnational pharmaceutical companies and manipulate geopolitics for the UN, with many western countries acting in concert.
- When Sweden and Hungary did not participate, the media attacked them and portrayed them as stubborn and even homicidal. Yet, history has shown that those countries, along with Norway and Denmark who recently joined them, got it right on COVID-19 when they removed all restrictions and let people get on with their lives.
- The American states of Florida and South Dakota, for example, adopted liberty and are in a better position than other US States.
- This concerted UN backed campaign of tyranny has failed.
- It is time to free the people.

What was Australia’s participation in activities prior to the virus’ arrival in our country, particularly in relation to simulations and forums associated with the UN WHO and the World Economic Forum?

9. Audit JobKeeper

On behalf of our constituents, I have requested the federal government arrange an independent audit of JobKeeper.