

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport will inquire into and report on long covid and repeated covid infections.

I work in recruitment and more and more of my clients are calling with requirements for permanent and contract staff.

This increase in permanent and contract vacancies appears to be a result of individuals taking long term sick leave for long covid and repeated covid infections.

I am seeing increased numbers of contract roles within businesses for the reasons of long covid and repeated covid infections. My recruitment business has seen a 50-60% increase in contract recruitment, driven by absenteeism arising from repeated covid or long covid. It is my observation that this increase arrived after the vaccine rollout.

3/Research into the potential and known effects, causes, risk factors, prevalence, management, and *treatment of long COVID and/or repeated COVID infections in Australia.*

Due to my experience, the inquiry needs to consider a cause of long and repeated covid19 being the Covid 19 vaccination.

My observation is that companies with a strong mandate for vaccination against Covid19 are experiencing greater numbers of employee long covid and sickness than the companies I deal with who did not have such a mandate for their employees to be vaccinated against Covid 19.

Organisations are reporting to me that these symptoms of long covid began after the rollout of the vaccination program.

For the purposes of this inquiry, we need to analyse case numbers of long covid sufferers in two control groups:

People vaccinated / boosted

People unvaccinated

Any study on this is flawed without considering the comparative of vaccinated versus unvaccinated people as the risk may increase the more times people are vaccinated.

4/ The health, social, educational and economic impacts in Australia on individuals who develop long COVID and/or have repeated COVID infections, their families, and the broader community, including for groups that face a greater risk of serious illness due to factors such as age, existing health conditions, disability and background.

From an economic point of view this is damaging to the continuity of business for many of my clients and impacts their ability to trade efficiently and profitably.