

Form letter Example C (9):

Dear Committee Secretary,

We are writing to you with regards to the inquiry into the terms of reference for a Royal Commission into the management of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Covid-19 pandemic was certainly the most disruptive event our nation has ever experienced outside of wartime, and it is therefore quite appropriate that a Royal Commission should consider what responses were beneficial and which were not, so that governments can learn from any mistakes they have made before they are repeated in a future pandemic or similar crisis.

Firstly, the terms of reference should encompass measures enacted both by State and Territory Governments – not just the Federal Government (which is the focus of a current inquiry announced by Prime Minister Albanese in September last year titled the Commonwealth Government COVID-19 Response Inquiry).

The scope of such a commission should also investigate all forms of vaccine discrimination and coercion used to effectively force Australians to take a hurriedly developed vaccine with unknown long-term side effects. Similarly, the terms of reference should also specifically inquire into the Federal Government's obligation to uphold international treaties. These include the UN International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which states "no one shall be subjected without his free consent to medical or scientific experimentation" (Article 7). If these obligations of the Federal Government to uphold individuals' medical rights were neglected, this should not just be swept under the rug and ignored.

Without seriously analysing the failures of both commission and omission by governments and their agencies, we will undoubtedly cause needless suffering to happen again in times to come. This is why a wide-ranging Royal Commission is absolutely necessary and will enable Australia to emerge a more resilient nation for it.

Yours faithfully,

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