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Sent: Monday, 31 August 2020 2:02 PM
To: bob_mann@thecommunityforum.com.au
Subject: Re: Your vote this week

Dear Bob

Thank you for your email regarding Daniel Andrews unprecedented and outrageous attempt to extend his State of Emergency in Victoria.

Despite his Government's total culpability for the second wave of the virus, he still insists Victorian families, businesses and workers pay for his stuff up.

Let me assure you, along with my Liberal/Nationals colleagues, I will do everything possible to fight this despicable grab for power by a Premier who should remember he is supposed to serve the people, not the other way around.

Thanks again for expressing your concerns. I hear you loud and clear!

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Dear State Representative,

This week you have before you a decision as to whether you will extend State of emergency powers to a Premier and a government that has lost control not only of the COVID-19 virus but the general governance of our state.

Our society now has

- People locked in their homes
- Businesses shutting down and going out of business
- People losing their jobs and livelihoods
- Children losing their school year
- Children & Adults losing their community sport
- Children losing their social interactions
- People committing suicide, young ones most tragically
- Our economy being trashed daily
- People losing their recreation activities
- People not being able to attend Weddings, Funerals and significant celebrations such as twenty-first birthday parties or baptism's
- People not being able to attend church and invoke their faith
- People being denied hospital treatment with deadly repercussions because they live a few kilometres on the wrong side of an imaginary line.
- People not being able to go for a weekend drive to the country and supporting country businesses
- People being subjected to overzealous policing including drones and visits to people's homes over social media comments

That's just of the top of my head. At what stage does the cure become worse than the problem? I would suggest that we are well past that point.

Last week I sent you all emails containing a table that Damian Coory (@DCoory) puts together to present data from the Federal Governments Health Website. This data surrounds this virus in a more concise manner that should be presented to the Victorian public on a daily basis as opposed to what we currently receive.

Have you looked at it?

If you have, how can you justify the continuation of these draconian lockdowns? You are destroying people's lives in a manner that this virus could only dream of. In fact, the greatest threat to our community isn't the COVID-19 virus, it is you, our government representatives and our totalitarian bureaucrats that present the greatest danger to us and yet now many of you are contemplating giving yourselves even more power with this extension of State of Emergency powers, no matter what the period of months it is for.

How about this instead? You all resign collectively, call an election to provide your strategies to return us to our previous selves and then let us decide how we want to live our lives. Do you have the courage, the conviction and the morality to do that? If not then you are a bunch of snivelling cowards. I challenge you to have the courage to raise that in parliament this week when you have the chance, as god knows when you may have another opportunity under this premier and government.

Our premier and his sycophants have had six months to get this virus under control and they have repeatedly failed in the most incompetent and shameful manner, what makes you think giving them another day, let alone another 6 to 12 months will make any difference?

Collectively you have put our community into an atmosphere of fear where you now have pitted Australian against Australian, Victorian against Victorian. Our current situation is both unacceptable and untenable going forward and we expect, no demand, that you resist any and all grabs for power and find a way for all of us to return to our previous way of life. I emphasise not a new COVID normal, we want our lives back, we want our city and state back, we want our great society back.

You are all morally bound to do so with sensible pragmatic measures, not the ones we currently live under.

If you cannot see an alternative course of action to what we are currently implementing, then have the dignity to resign so we can find some people who can.

Yours sincerely



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