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Sent: Wednesday, 26 August 2020 5:04 PM
To: bob_mann@thecommunityforum.com.au
Subject: ***SPAM*** Re: Email TWO - Proposal to extend Victorian State of Emergency Powers (Case Ref: HH103689)

Dear Bob,

Thank you for writing to me with your concerns about the State of Emergency,

I understand how difficult this time is for everyone. The return to Stage 3 lockdowns for regional Victoria and the shut down of the NSW border have disrupted many people's lives in our community.

Since this pandemic began, I have always deferred to the advice of the medical experts. As a former nurse and rural health researcher, I take that advice very seriously. The evidence we have seen overseas in countries where the COVID-19 pandemic has not been contained, show us the profound dangers of losing control of this virus.

It is also clear that we will not be able to begin our economic recovery until we take control of the virus. In this case, I believe that the best thing we can do for the economy is to get on top of the virus. Loosening restrictions whilst the virus is spreading through the community at high levels would neither be a good economic nor a good health outcome.

However I share your concerns at the Victorian Premier's decision to extend the State of Emergency for another 12 months.

It is important to note a few things.

The State of Emergency is not the lockdown. The decision to extend the State of Emergency does not mean that our current lockdowns will be extended for 12 months. These are different things.

The State of Emergency declaration is a legal instrument that is necessary to enable the Victorian Chief Health Officer to impose rules for human biosecurity. For example, without the State of Emergency, the Victorian Government would not be able to compel people to undergo mandatory hotel quarantine when they arrive in Australia. We would all agree that we should maintain the hotel quarantine rules for some time to come.

The Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Act only allows for a state of emergency to run for a maximum of six months. The current State of Emergency was declared on March 16, and after several four-week extensions, is due to expire under the act on September 13. This means that without extending it, we would not be able to impose many of the rules which are keeping us safe.

However I believe that a 12 month extension is beyond what is appropriate right now. I think a shorter extension would be appropriate and we can reassess the situation as it unfolds.

This is a matter for the Victorian Government and I encourage you to contact your local State MP to express your concerns, who will be able to communicate them to the Victorian Parliament.

Yours sincerely

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The Honourable

Dr Helen Haines
Member of Parliament
Australian and Victorian Parliaments.

Dear Dr

RE: Proposed extension of State of Emergency Powers announced by Premier
Daniel Andrews at his Corona Press Conference on
Monday 24th of August 2020.

I wrote to all state and federal mp's in the past twenty-four hours which equates to over 300 members of parliament. Sadly, to say the response was underwhelming is an understatement, and while I understand you are all probably being deluged with emails at the moment, you do have staff in your offices, you have just been granted pay rises and you have numerous benefits in relation to your position.

Taking this into consideration, your collective response to my emails is extremely disappointing. I use professional email software that tracks who receives my emails, who opens those emails and even who clicks on the links contained within them.

Taking into account that well over 90% of the open rate of the emails indicated below that were sent to federal mp's replied with an

"automated response" these numbers are simply unacceptable. Considering these times and the circumstances you have delivered much of us into, you would think you would have the respect to communicating more directly with your constituents.

If you didn't want to be lobbied by constituents why stand for parliament? To federal mp's, an automated response is an insult, not a response.

To those few that did reply directly, I thank you so very much.

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This has simply made me even more determined to lobby all of you from this point on, not just over COVID-19 but all government issues, I am also now more determined than ever to build a significant following through my online newspaper and share my lobbying and services with them. To start that process here is an episode from a video blog I have recently started for you to have a look at.

Heads up, it was done late last night after some of the most dreadful responses to emails to people in crisis I have seen. All of you collectively need to do better for your fellow Australians.

[Bob's Vlog - Special State Of Emergency Episode 260820 0]http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001PHZt4fdmkyt-xK5GEmp2iWoF_emrwLX_RwlygEY5_-9hpw-bL7lyUBpEQIDPYY1w-ExAHpY1CfAbVFREn5Kgd7RzBbs1p3lejRBtOKTIWjuuPzpv4b-DYvMXZGbsa4JrbEFfc-S6Jm8pr2xkgb6ZcQ==&c=APN2JdiXx7dggMeYvK5JvTzaGNETa75pOZT1vlkuO7y24sRV9_0eGg==&ch=4wMy3qiDdtgDlAbeubD7FXlOIPWyJTQWaTVG_8mT9O41OmpGZoucNQ==

Also, here is the latest table with data extracted from the federal government's website. Please peruse this and ask yourself how you can continue to suppress our economy and society.

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Hopefully, by the end of this week for those of you who haven't done so, you will have the courtesy to have made a genuine effort to reply appropriately to my correspondence and that of other Australians.

Yours sincerely,

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