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Dear Josh

I am writing to you today to express my total and utter disbelief at the actions of the Liberal government today. When I met with you in July, I pointed you in the direction of an ever growing body of evidence about the harms of lockdown policies. Since that time, this evidence has grown and I will subsequently be sending you some information to this effect. Lockdowns are harmful to broader society and once you start down this path it becomes a vicious circle - one only has to look to the UK to see what a mess it has caused. Cancer is going undiagnosed, deaths from heart disease are on the rise, mental health issues are increasing, the economy is damaged, and children have lost months of education. Many children, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, will never recover from the impact of this. This has occurred because of government policy failures, not because of Covid-19.

Covid-19 is quickly joining a range of other viruses and becoming endemic across the globe. Therefore, it would seem that these policies are nothing more than a futile attempt to save face by the government. As I stated to you previously, the data clearly shows who is most at risk from covid-19 and any policy should focus on protecting them, not locking down the fit and healthy. Currently, figures suggest our ICU capacity is not at risk from covid19 with only 1 person in hospital yesterday. As for closing the schools, there are numerous studies showing that this is unnecessary and highly damaging to children.

Your government may claim that the lockdown is only for 6 days, however in the UK it was only for 3 weeks and lasted months. It also didn't stop the virus. There is no science to support a 'circuit breaker', it is nothing more than government spin and effectively just kicks the can down the road. Your government will damage our state economy, damage our community, and damage our children's future, as well as punish our elderly by locking them away from their loved ones - the very people you are supposed to be protecting. These are heartless and unfitting actions for any democratic government to take, let alone a government with 'Liberal' in its title.

I will be thinking very hard about who I vote for at the next election, and if your government continues along this track, it will not be for the Liberal Party.

I urge you to reconsider this dangerous and callous path.

Regards
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