

# Cowardly leaders must reopen Australia immediately

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The glaring cowardice of Australia's political leaders has rendered them impotent to what must be done to save the country from economic ruin.

Every draconian coronavirus restriction that currently stands must be removed. Immediately.

Tens of thousands of protesters marched through the street this weekend blindly ignoring mass gathering restrictions and in the last 24 hours we have had exactly two new cases. The supposed second wave never eventuated and, yet again, those experts modelling COVID-19 projections were wrong.

In coming months there will be time to scrutinise the flawed modelling which led to the restrictions which destroyed countless lives and ended more than a million jobs. Suicides alone are forecast to be ten times higher than the number of lives claimed by the virus and countless studies have proven the link between poverty and death.

We must never again allow ourselves to unquestioningly submit to widespread lockdowns based on flawed data.

But first, our leaders must have the political fortitude to admit fault and move to fast-track the ending of senseless, illogical and downright bizarre restrictions.

If 30,000 people can march through Melbourne without leading to devastating outbreaks then how can you allow gyms and local sport to remain shut?

No more arbitrary limitations on headcount, no more fining families for having a picnic in the park and no more heavy-handed policing of cafes which are attempting to reopen.

The data and health advice governing these rules were clearly wrong and Australians deserve an apology. Those making these decisions were always guaranteed a pay check and no one wants to be the leader who removed restrictions too soon and created a second wave. No incentive exists for them to make the necessary choice but Australians deserve leaders who can make tough decisions without fear of their legacy being tarnished.

The overwhelming majority of cases, 4518, or 62 per cent, were infections from overseas sources.

Australia beat COVID-19 the moment international borders were closed and returning travellers were forced into 14-day quarantines. That was the single factor in the dramatic drop in cases and everything else was simply bells and whistles.

And at one stage our leaders even slipped up and admitted the widespread lockdowns were not even based on science. They were physiological measures designed to drill the importance of social distancing into a population seemingly too stupid to be told the truth.

Queensland's Chief Health Officer Jeannette Young caused outrage when she revealed that no science backed school closures. Instead, she wanted them closed because "closing them down would help people understand the gravity of the situation".

Decisions of such importance should never be made on a whim or a gut feeling. Our leaders are still overseeing the largest and most flawed social experiment in modern history and the public has caught on.

All those lefties who once derided calls for restrictions to be eased took to the streets without concern for standing coronavirus restrictions. Either the protesters had no care for the widespread destruction they were about to inflict on their countrymen or they knew the narrative was bollocks.

Every Australian has a right to be angry and we must not listen to the spin that this crisis was well managed. It was hijacked by a group of ill-equipped and selfish premiers and the public must punish each and every one of them at their next elections.

No more games, it is time to reopen the country.

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