

25th May 2020

Senator Katy Gallagher, Chair  
Select Committee on COVID-19

‰ Committee Secretary

Dear Senator Gallagher and Members of the Select Committee on Covid-19,

I am writing to the Select Committee on COVID-19 as an Australian citizen. I have focussed my submission on my concerns regarding potential financial conflicts of interest in the Australian Government's Covid-19 advisors. Please note that this submission contains excerpts from an extensive report I have published, entitled 'Covid-19: Plandemic Profit.Fallout<sup>1</sup>'. I have included a summary of this report in Appendix 1 of this submission. I have also included the full report as an attachment, which I would like to commend to the Committee's attention.

## NATIONAL COVID-19 COORDINATION COMMISSION (NCCC)

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

In March 2020, Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced the creation of the 'National Covid-19 Coordination Commission (NCCC).

"An Executive Board of Commissioners, will advise the Prime Minister on all non-health aspects of the pandemic response... [the Board will] coordinate advice to the Australian Government on actions to anticipate and mitigate the economic and social effects of the global coronavirus pandemic.... This is about working cooperatively across private-to-private and public-to-private networks to unlock resources..."<sup>2</sup>

Upon examination, the Board Members of the NCCC do not appear to represent the interests of small business or 'everyday Australians'. Instead, they hold senior board positions of companies in mining, oil and gas, airlines, private hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, casinos and superannuation giants. One member is a billionaire. Another was recently accused for being 'an international tax dodger' by an Australian Senator. Another Chairs an international organisation at the forefront of brokering private-public partnerships and garnering billions in taxpayer dollars to fund Covid-19 vaccine development.

The Morrison Government's choice of NCCC board members, and the glaring omission of any member who could be said to represent small business or employee unions, is a farcical premise of 'mitigating the economic and social effects' of Covid-10.

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<sup>1</sup> Melissa Harrison: 'Covid-19. Plandemic.Profit. Fallout'

<sup>2</sup> Prime Minister of Australia: Media Release 25th March 2020

I believe to be the true function of the NCCC Executive Board is apparent - to facilitate the taxpayer-funded bailout of the industries they represent, and to broker the transfer of vast swathes of public money to private coffers.

As reported by John Keane, "And almost everywhere, it seems, the time has come for unelected crisis-management bodies sporting war-time names. In Australia, whose national parliament has been mothballed for five months, the Great Pestilence has given birth to the National COVID-19 Coordination Commission (NCCC), an unelected body chaired by a former mining corporation magnate and answerable only to the Prime Minister."<sup>3</sup>

## NEVILLE POWER

Neville Power is Chairman of the Commission. Mr Power is also the Chairman of Perth Airport, the Foundation for WA Museum and the Royal Flying Doctors Federation Board. In September 2019 he was appointed Non-Executive Director and Deputy Chairman of Strike Energy, an oil and gas exploration company.<sup>4</sup>

Power was the managing Director and CEO of Fortescue Metals Group Ltd from 2011 - 2018.<sup>5</sup>

Mr Power has recently been criticised for his conflict of interest in his position from Strike Energy, over controversy that the NCC is planning a 'gas-fired solution' and possible 'mammoth gas pipeline'.<sup>6</sup>

The Guardian reported that, in addition to his position as Chair of Strike Energy, Power also holds \$2.4 million worth of shares in the company and 'holds options over shares that will become worth an additional \$2.1m if the company's share prices rise to 35c'.<sup>7</sup>

In addition, "Guardian Australia [revealed a leaked draft report](#) by a taskforce advising the NCCC recommended Australian taxpayers underwrite a massive expansion of the domestic gas industry."<sup>7</sup>

## DAVID THODEY

David Thoday is the Deputy Chair of the Commission. Mr Thoday is the former CEO of Telstra, and is now Chairman of the Board of CSIRO.

CSIRO has been engaged by the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) (see also below: 'Jane Halton') "to undertake critical new research as part of the rapid global response to the novel coronavirus outbreak." CSIRO is 'Fast-tracking vaccine development' for Covid-19. "Our research and collaborations, as part of a global vaccine development pipeline, will enhance Australia's preparedness and aid the timely development of a new vaccine. We are also involved in the production, scale-up and testing of new potential vaccines being developed by a CEPI-led consortium, which includes CSIRO and the University of Queensland."<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Michael West Media, John Keane (April 2020): 'Democracy and the Great Pestilence: understanding the mess we're in'

<sup>4</sup> The Market Herald, Jessica De Freitas (2019): 'Strike Energy appoints Neville Power as Non-Executive Director and Deputy Chairman'

<sup>5</sup> NCCC, Who We Are: Chair Neville Power

<sup>6</sup> Energy News Bulletin, Paul Hunt (May 2020): '[Nev Power distances himself from Strike amid conflict of interest outcry](#)'

<sup>7</sup> The Guardian, Ben Butler and Adam Morton (May 2020): '[Covid commission boss New Power steps back at gas company amid conflict of interest concerns](#)'

<sup>8</sup> CSIRO (2020): 'Working against the new coronavirus'

Mr Thodey is the Chairman of Tyro, “Australia’s only independent EFTPOS banking institution and Xero, a cloud-based accounting software. Mr Thodey is also a Non-executive Board Director of Ramsay Health care and Vodafone Group.<sup>9</sup>

Ramsay Health Care is a private hospital company which has “has been providing its facilities and capabilities to the public health system since the federal government announced in early April that it would *guarantee the viability of private hospitals* as long as they made their workforce, essential medical devices and protective equipment available to the states during the pandemic.”<sup>10</sup> (Emphasis added)

Ramsay Health Care now has a financial arrangement with the Victorian Government, which means the company receives taxpayer-funded net recoverable costs in exchange for providing its facilities to the public health system for Covid-19 management.

The NCCC was announced by the Prime Minister on the 25th March 2020. On the 31st of March, Health Minister Greg Hunt announced a “once-in-a-century redesign of Australia’s hospital services “to cost the federal government an extra \$1.3bn, although the amount was uncapped and would be increased if needed.”<sup>11</sup>

Jennifer Doggett reported: “Unfortunately, this money is unlikely to achieve all the benefits promised. Despite their best intentions, governments don’t have the data or expertise needed to negotiate effectively with the private hospital sector or the capacity to deliver on Hunt’s promise to “fully integrate” private hospitals within the public hospital system.<sup>12</sup>

This taxpayer funded billion-dollar boost to Australia private healthcare corporations is highly favourable to Ramsay Health Care, with Mr Thodey serving as current Non-executive Board Director of the company.

## JANE HALTON

Jane Halton was formerly the Secretary of the Australian Department of Finance, head of the Department of Health, the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Ms Halton is a member of the Advisory Boards of the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group (ANZ Bank), Clayton Utz, Crown Resorts and the Australian Strategic Policy Institute. She is also a member of the Interim Board Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI).

She was chair of the board of the World Health Organisation, president of the World Health Assembly, former World Health Organisation executive board member, and chair of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) health committee.<sup>13</sup>

[Note: A significant majority of the World Health Organisation’s funding comes from pharmaceutical companies, a fact which is rarely mentioned. I am concerned we are witnessing ‘regulatory capture’ on a staggeringly vast, international and industrial scale. Is the WHO merely a proxy to legally enforce the wishes of their

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<sup>9</sup> NCCC Who We Are, Deputy Chair: David Thodey

<sup>10</sup> Sydney Morning Herald, Emma Koehn (April 2020): ‘Ramsay Health Care inks COVID-19 deal with Victoria’

<sup>11</sup> The Guardian, Melissa Davey, Daniel Hurst and Ben Butler (March 2020): ‘Australian government will pay half to integrate private hospitals in to Covid-19 response’

<sup>12</sup> The Guardian, Jennifer Dogget (April 2020): ‘After coronavirus, private hospitals should not be allowed to return to ‘business as usual’

<sup>13</sup> WHO, Biography Ms Jane Halton

pharmaceutical benefactors, who have no legal or moral imperative to act in the best interests of the public, and no accountability or cost if their products harm vulnerable people?]<sup>14</sup>

Ms Halton was the Australian government's Health departmental head in 2003, and implemented Australia's response to the SARS outbreak. "As departmental head in 2003, Ms Halton implemented Australia's response to the SARS outbreak, another coronavirus that caused 8098 reported infections worldwide, killing 774 people. She established the national stockpile of antiviral drugs and the Office of Health Protection that has swung into action to combat the [current] Wuhan strain."<sup>15</sup>

Ms Halton is the Chair of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovation (CEPI), which was initiated at the World Economic Forum in Davos 2017. CEPI received \$460 million in startup funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Wellcome Trust and the governments of Germany, Japan and Norway. CEPI is "a global alliance financing and coordinating the development of vaccines against emerging infectious diseases."<sup>16</sup> Board Members include representatives from the WHO, World Bank, Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute and Foundation. Members of its Scientific Advisory Board include pharmaceutical/vaccine companies Sanofi Pasteur, Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer.<sup>17</sup>

CEPI is the 'global alliance' coordinating private-public partnerships with vaccine manufacturers/pharmaceutical companies for Covid-19. CEPI is garnering public funds towards these products, saying US\$2 billion in funding is required to develop a vaccine against the virus.<sup>18</sup> CEPI has already received millions of dollars in funding from the Australian government. (See 'CEPI', and 'CEPI, Gates Foundation and University of Queensland')

SBS Australia reported CEPI is "coordinating the development of a [Covid-19] vaccine in laboratories across the world and is calling on the federal government to help further fund research. CEPI chair Jane Halton, a former federal Department of Health head, [and now on the government's Covid-19 advisory board] says about \$3 billion is needed so multiple versions of potential vaccines can be developed."<sup>19</sup>

Ms Halton said that "drug regulators here and internationally would also be approached to *shortcut approval protocols*, so serious was the threat."<sup>20</sup> (Emphasis added)

In 2020, the World Economic Forum announced that in a "high-level COVID Action Platform Virtual Meeting hosted by the World Economic Forum, CEPI CEO Richard Hatchett said for businesses the shift in funding [to vaccine projects] would be "the best investment your companies will ever make."<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> Off-Guardian, Ian Davis (April 2020): 'Coronavirus Lockdown and What You Are Not Being Told - Part 2'

<sup>15</sup> The Australian (2020): 'Australian scientists in race to find coronavirus vaccine'

<sup>16</sup> CEPI: 'New vaccines for a safer world'

<sup>17</sup> CEPI: Leadership

<sup>18</sup> CEPI (March 2020): '\$2 billion required to develop a vaccine against the COVID-19 virus'

<sup>19</sup> SBS News (March 2020): 'Coronavirus vaccine still at least one year away'

<sup>20</sup> The Australian (2020): 'Global vaccine hunt a \$2bn task in virus war'

<sup>21</sup> World Economic Forum (March 2020): 'How are companies responding to the coronavirus crisis?'

CEPI's Covid-19 vaccine program was announced *only two weeks after* Chinese authorities shared the genetic sequence of the 'novel coronavirus'.<sup>22</sup>

At the January 23rd World Economic Forum conference, CEPI's CEO Richard Hatchett announced, "we've been working very aggressively *over the last couple of weeks*, to assess the situation first to try to make determinations about what steps are appropriate... our hope is to have thee vaccines developed very rapidly and to rapidly develop clinical trials..." (Emphasis added)

If Mr Hatchett's 'last couple of weeks' indicates three weeks, this places the commencement of CEPI's Covid-19 vaccine project around approximately the first few days of January 2020.

On the 1st January, Who stated the "causal agent" of the Wuhan pneumonia outbreaks "had not yet been identified or confirmed" and was requesting information from Chinese authorities to assess the risk.<sup>23</sup>

This is curiously early for CEPI to begin 'aggressively' working on Covid-19.

Also on the WEF CEPI panel, Jeremy Farrar of the Wellcome Trust made several statements about the disease transmission rate, how infections were transmitted, comparing Covid-19's epidemiological information to SARS. How Mr Farrar would have the data to back these statements up is highly questionable, given that only the day before CEPI's announcement, WHO's field visit to China concluded that "challenges still remain regarding the transmission, epidemiology and our understanding of the behavior of the virus..."<sup>24</sup>

CEPI CEO Richard Hatchett clarified Mr Farrar's remarks, saying: "We are inferring a lot... we don't understand the transmission or the severity... we don't know the number of cases or the extent of the spread..."

It is therefore curious that CEPI was already announcing strategic partnerships with pharmaceutical companies, combining millions of dollars in funding to create a vaccine, and had reportedly been 'aggressively' working on the situation *for a couple of weeks*.

The 'pre-emptive' development of a Covid-19 vaccine is not unique to CEPI.

On 30th March 2020, Johnson & Johnson announced "the selection of a lead COVID-19 vaccine candidate from constructs *it has been working on since January 2020*; the significant expansion of the existing partnership between the Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA)" [which is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services]. (Emphasis added)

Both entities committed *more than \$1 billion* combined in investment to co-fund development "novel coronavirus vaccine research and development." Johnson & Johnson's goal is to scale up manufacturing to supply one billion vaccines of a COVID-19 vaccine.<sup>25</sup>

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<sup>22</sup> World Health Organisation: WHO Timeline - Covid-19

<sup>23</sup> World Health Organisation (January 2020): 'Pneumonia of unknown cause - China'

<sup>24</sup> World Health Organisation (January 2020): 'Mission summary: WHO Field Visit to Wuhan, China 20-21 January 2020'

<sup>25</sup> Johnson & Johnson (March 2020): 'Johnson & Johnson Announces a Lead Vaccine Candidate for COVID-19; Landmark New Partnership with U.S. Department of Health & Human Services; and Commitment to Supply One Billion Vaccines Worldwide for Emergency Pandemic Use'

It is notable that the vast swathes of public funds demanded by CEPI et al are being utilised in public-private partnerships, to the lucrative profit of pharmaceutical companies. If Covid-19 vaccines are made mandatory, as some Australian officials are suggesting, this represents an unprecedented opportunity for Big Pharma. I am concerned at the serious implications of financial conflicts of interest in appointing the CEO of CEPI to the National Covid-19 Coordination Commission Board.

Ms Halton participated as a key player in the controversial and disturbing 'invite only' high level pandemic simulation exercise Event 201<sup>26</sup>, the October 2019 'Global Pandemic Exercise' conducted by John Hopkins, the Gates Foundation and the World Economic Forum. (See my full report: 'Covid-19: Plandemic. Prof. Fallout, Chapter 'Plandemic/Event 201')

In May 2020, Ms Halton was interviewed on pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson's video series 'The Road to a [Covid-19] Vaccine'. Ms Halton reportedly spoke "about her work to ensure people globally get access to vaccines."<sup>27</sup>

In 2019, independent journalist Michael Sainsbury reported on "allegations of [Crown's] serial lawbreaking, even including alleged Crown contractual arrangements with an entity whose principal has been involved in human trafficking, [allegations which] are based on internal company documents and the testimony of at least one former employee on the record." Sainsbury notes that Ms Halton serves on the board of Crown casinos, serving on Crown's 'Risk Management Committee'.<sup>28</sup>

## GREG COMBET

Greg Combet is a former union boss and Australian Climate Change Minister. He is now the chairman of Industry Super Australia "which represents 16 of Australia's biggest industry funds and thus the vast bulk of the A\$630 billion saved by more than 11 million Australians." (La Trobe, 2019).

Under the time of Mr Combet's leadership, Industry Super Australia has been found to be investing in Saudi weapons<sup>29</sup>, paying its executives millions<sup>30</sup> while found to be paying a minute amount of tax in Australia,<sup>31</sup> although an online newspaper the company owns recently criticised 'big corporate hitters' who weren't paying tax.<sup>32</sup>

In a 2018 article titled 'Greg Combet and the future of capitalism', Mr Combet "declared his intention to transform Australian business. His radical idea: to promote the concept of "long-term value". These super funds

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<sup>26</sup> Event 201 Players, Jane Halton

<sup>27</sup> Johnson & Johnson 'The Road to a Vaccine'

<sup>28</sup> Michael West Media, Michael Saisbury (2019): 'Crown Resorts board: is Orange the New Black?'

<sup>29</sup> Investor Daily, Eliot Hastie (2019): 'Industry super funds investing in Saudi weapons'

<sup>30</sup> Michael West (2017): 'Industry Super: size no boost to performance'

<sup>31</sup> ABC News, Nassim Khadem (2020): 'ATO data reveals one third of companies pay no tax'

<sup>32</sup> The New Daily, Rod Myer (2019): 'The big corporate hitters who the ATO says are paying no tax'

would use their massive clout as investors to transform corporate culture... He wants business to focus on long-term sustainability... pushing companies to focus on environmental, social and governance performance.” The article links to the United Nations Principles of Responsible Investment initiative, which extorts its 7,000 signatories to engage in ethical investing .<sup>33</sup>

An example of ‘ethical investing’: In 2017, the World Bank launched ‘Pandemic Bonds’, which coincidentally specified only influenza and coronavirus as ‘Covered Perils’. The \$500 million bonds matured in June 2020. The pandemic bonds were “aimed at providing financial support to the Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility (PEF), a facility created by the World Bank to channel surge funding to developing countries facing the risk of a pandemic. This marks the first time that World Bank bonds are being used to finance efforts against infectious diseases, and the first time that pandemic risk in low-income countries is being transferred to the financial markets.”<sup>34</sup>

However, in the COVID-19 outbreak of 2020, the pandemic bonds were declared ‘useless’ as COVID-19 outbreak caused them to nearly half in value.

“When the bonds were first created, investors – mainly pension funds and specialists in “catastrophe insurance” – immediately rushed in to buy these financial instruments... “investors have been the only winners... [they were a] “gamble with taxpayers’ money” at “terrible odds”.

Industry Super Holdings owns the online newspaper The New Daily. The newspaper has recently been publishing COVID-19 related articles such as ‘Superannuation should avoid the worst of the crisis’<sup>35</sup> and ‘Don’t panic, now could be the time to make some money in superannuation’.<sup>36</sup>

In May 2019, the AFR reported on the ‘complex web’ of industry super funds, including Industry Super Holdings, in their article ‘Got an industry super fund? You’ve benefited from a Cayman trust’.<sup>37</sup>

“Industry super funds are involved in a complex web of interrelated companies. IFM Investors is a wholly owned subsidiary of IFM Holdings, which is itself a wholly owned subsidiary of Industry Super Holdings. And Industry Super Holdings is wholly owned by 29 Australian not-for-profit super funds.

Earlier this year IFM Investors purchased a stake in DCT Gdansk, the largest container port in Poland.

Documents published online by the European Competition Commission show the acquisition was made by Global InfraCo, a wholly owned subsidiary of Cayman-based Conyers Trust Company in its capacity as trustee of IFM’s global infrastructure fund. Global InfraCo is incorporated in Luxembourg.

And in 2014, IFM took a stake in Vienna International Airport. The purchase occurred through Airports Group Europe, which is a subsidiary of Global InfraCo.

Conyers Trust is part of the Codan Trust Group, established by the international law firm Conyers Dill & Pearman, which undertake a broad range of professional trustee services in places like the Cayman Islands and Bermuda.”

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<sup>33</sup> La Trobe University, Danny Davis (2019): ‘Greg Combet and the future of capitalism’

<sup>34</sup> World Bank, Press Release (2017): ‘World Bank Launches First-Ever Pandemic Bonds to Support \$500 million Pandemic Emergency Funding Facility’

<sup>35</sup> The New Daily, Rod Myer (2020): ‘Superannuation should avoid the worst of the crisis’

<sup>36</sup> The New Daily, Rod Myer (2020): ‘Don’t panic, now could be the time to make some money in your superannuation’

<sup>37</sup> AFR, Joanna Mather & John Kehoe (2019): ‘Got an industry super fund? You’ve benefited from a Cayman trust’

In April 2020, Prime Minister Scott Morrison called for not-for-profit superannuation funds to use Australians' retirement savings bail out companies affected by Covid-19.<sup>38</sup> Mr Morrison specifically suggested Virgin Airlines, a company which *does not pay tax in Australia*.<sup>39</sup> In the last four years, Virgin Australia recorded \$17.9 billion in income, and paid \$0 in tax.

Mr Morrison said, "The industry super funds in this country have got \$3 trillion worth of assets – here we've got a company that needs capital [referring to Virgin Australia]... Its own workers have been paying in to industry funds and there are funds out there in these super funds that could be investing in a number of companies." "I'd like to see the industry and broader superannuation fund playing a more active role in dealing with the economic issues that we're dealing with at the moment. I mean the government, the taxpayer is not the only economic actor in this event." (Although the taxpayer/economic actor Mr Morrison is referring to is now also apparently expected to also bail out flailing companies with their superannuation retirement savings. I find this an appalling suggestion.)

The Sydney Morning Herald reported that Tim Lyons, the trustee for the \$44 billion hospitality super fund Hostplus, "said the government should not be encouraging the sector to invest in "junk bonds". SMH noted that Virgin Australia's credit rating was recently downgraded further into 'junk territory'.

Mr Lyons said, "The idea of using workers' savings to underwrite subprime debt for an airline that is on its knees would probably be in breach of the Superannuation Industry Act... It is deeply irresponsible and pretty nuts, to be honest."

## PAUL LITTLE

Paul Little is a Melbourne billionaire who is reportedly "ramping-up his switch from investing in property to early stage start-ups after identifying a gap in the market because most of the money is pouring into later stage venture capital... The experience offshore has proven some amazing companies evolve out of this seed and start-up area ..."<sup>40</sup>

Mr Little recently built and is the owner of a corporate jet base, Melbourne Jet Base, a \$100 million facility that opened up 18 months ago. Mr Little reported COVID-19 had affected business: "It might have reduced our traffic by 20 or 30 per cent"... Traffic has not yet recovered as a result of the virus that was playing out the same way the world over, Mr Little said."<sup>41</sup>

The Australian government recently announced that airlines would be getting a \$715 million bailout 'to save them from coronavirus collapse'.<sup>42</sup> It is not specified if Melbourne Jet Base is included in this bailout package.

Mr Little is also the Chairman of the Australian Grand Prix Corporation, which was cancelled by the Victorian State government last-minute due to COVID-19 fears.

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<sup>38</sup> The Sydney Morning Herald, Grieve, Duke & Hatch (April 2020): 'Pretty nuts': Super funds criticise PM's call to invest in Virgin'

<sup>39</sup> Michael West Media, Michael West (2019): 'When it comes to tax, it's Virgin by name and Virgin by nature'

<sup>40</sup> Australian Financial Review, Patrick Durkin (2019): 'Why Paul Little is switching from property to angel investing'

<sup>41</sup> Australian Financial Review, Michael Bleby (2020): 'Coronavirus is parking private jets'

<sup>42</sup> The Daily Mail, Karen Ruiz (2020): 'Airlines to receive a \$715million bailout to save them from coronavirus collapse - as Australia's carriers tell travellers it's still safe to fly'

Grand Prix CEO Andrew Westacott “was asked if the Victorian taxpayer would have to foot the bill for the race.... He acknowledged the cancellation would have "a lot of consequences" some of which were financial.” “Ticket refunds will be covered by the Australian Grand Prix Corporation, however Sports Minister Martin Pakula said there would be negotiations with the global sports body Formula One Group about whether the fee was due under the contract.”

Westcott: "We will work those through with commercial rights holders in the days and weeks following this announcement," he said. "We will be making sure appropriate contractual measures are looked after." Australian Grand Prix Corporation chief executive Andrew Westacott said on Friday that the cancellation would result in a "different cost" for the state government compared to the typical \$60 million outlay."<sup>43</sup>

## CATHERINE TANNA

Catherine Tanna is a director of the Business Council of Australia and the Managing Director of EnergyAustralia.<sup>44</sup> Ms Tanna is also a member of the Reserve Bank Board, which decides Australia's monetary policy. She serves as Chair of the Reserve Bank Board Remuneration Committee.<sup>45</sup>

In Parliament in February 2020, a few weeks prior to Ms Tanna's appointment as Executive Board Member of the NCCC, Senator Rex Patrick stated on the record that Ms Tanna was an 'international corporate tax dodger'. SMH reported, "Senator Patrick has now demanded she resign from the role [on the Reserve Bank Board], saying there was "a deeply shameful side to Ms Tanna's career, something quite at odds with her standing as a business leader" due to the amount of tax EnergyAustralia paid... EnergyAustralia is wholly foreign-owned as a subsidiary of Hong Kong's China Light and Power..."<sup>46</sup>

"Senator Patrick also called for Ms Tanna's resignation from the RBA board, saying one of the board's responsibilities is to advance the economic prosperity and welfare of people in Australia."It is impossible to reconcile Ms Tanna's position as a well-paid facilitator of extraordinary tax minimisation with her responsibilities with the Reserve Bank," Senator Patrick said."

## THE DOHERTY INSTITUTE

### MODELLERS & POLICY ADVISORS

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<sup>43</sup> The Age, Tom Cowie (2020): 'Taxpayers could still be on the hook for secret grand prix fee despite cancellation'

<sup>44</sup> Energy Australia: 'Meet Our Leaders'

<sup>45</sup> Reserve Bank of Australia, RBA Board

<sup>46</sup> The Sydney Morning Herald, Jennifer Duke (February 2020): "Resign from RBA board": Senator calls for EnergyAustralia boss to go'

The Doherty Institute is a joint venture between the University of Melbourne and the Royal Melbourne Hospital. The Doherty Institute has been an instrumental influence in developing the Australian government's policy response to the novel coronavirus outbreak, Covid-19.<sup>47</sup>

## INFLUENTIAL ADVISORS

Researchers from the Doherty Institute and APPRISE, Professor Jodie McVernon and Professor James McCaw, have designed the Covid-19 modelling which is used by the Australian Government to "inform the public health response to COVID-19".<sup>48 49</sup> (Although I note not all of the taxpayer-funded modelling data has been released to the public.)

McVernon and McCaw wrote, "Based on our advice since early February 2020, the Commonwealth has worked with jurisdictions to prepare for a scenario worse than those previously envisaged, in an accelerated timeframe... Australia is contributing to global efforts to identify effective antiviral drugs that will reduce COVID-19's impact and to development of vaccines that may be able to definitively stop the outbreak."<sup>50</sup>

The Doherty Institute's Australian Covid-19 modelling draft paper references reliance on the Imperial College/ Professor Neil Ferguson's Covid-19 modelling paper: 'Impact of non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) to reduce COVID-19 mortality and healthcare demand' as a source for their Covid-19 modelling.<sup>51</sup>

It is irrefutable that the Imperial College/Ferguson model was widely inaccurate. Professor Ferguson has incorrectly modelled a number of predictions for the UK government, including for foot and mouth disease, bird flu and swine flu, that were incorrect by many orders of magnitude and cost the UK government billions of dollars. (For more information, see my full report: 'Covid-19: Plandemic. Profit. Fallout.')

## FUNDING

Health Minister Greg Hunt has announced a \$2.6 million investment from the government's Medical Research Future Fund into "cutting-edge diagnostics research at the Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity, to tackle the evolving novel coronavirus health emergency."<sup>52</sup>

Minister Hunt also met with the Doherty Institute's Professor Katherine Kedzierska, saying Professor Kedzierska "has led the mapping of the immune response, probably the world's most advanced mapping of the immune response to coronavirus in mild to moderate patients."

"Further than that, we have also seen some very important developments with regards to vaccines and treatments with regards to the COVID-19 particular strain of coronavirus.

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<sup>47</sup> Doherty Institute, Jodie McVernon and James McCaw (1st April 2020): 'Models have supported Australia's response to COVID-19'

<sup>48</sup> APPRISE (8th April 2020): 'COVID-19 modelling papers and press conference'

<sup>49</sup> Doherty Institute (7th April 2020): 'COVID-19 modelling papers and press conference'

<sup>50</sup> COSMOS, Jodie McVernon & James McCaw (1st April 2020): 'Models have supported Australia's response to COVID-19'

<sup>51</sup> Doherty Institute, Moss, McVernon et al: '[Modelling the impact of COVID-19 in Australia to inform transmission reducing measures and health system preparedness](#)'

<sup>52</sup> Australian Government Department of Health, Minister Greg Hunt (21st March 2020): '\$2.6 million for coronavirus research, including a new simpler Australian pathology test'

Why is this important? It's important for two reasons. It's about fast-tracking a vaccine by identifying which candidates are most likely to be successful.”<sup>53</sup>

On the 18th February 2020, Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Minister Hunt made a public visit to the Doherty Institute, speaking with Professor Sharon Lewin, Institute Director.<sup>54</sup>

The Prime Minister praised the Institute for its “overnight success”: “The world got to know a lot about the Doherty Institute on about Australia Day when they were the first to grow and share the coronavirus...”

Mr Hunt referred to the Commonwealth’s ongoing financial contributions of \$25 million to the Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory (which is partnered with the Doherty Institute), and “an additional \$50 million through the National Health and Medical Research Council [the government’s medical research funding organisation] for the Doherty Institute.”

The Doherty Institute’s March 2020 paper, ‘Breadth of concomitant immune responses prior to patient recovery: a case report of non-severe COVID-10’, examined infectious and symptom progression in an Australian patient diagnosed with Covid-19.<sup>55</sup> Co-authors of this paper from the Doherty Institute include Director Sharon Lewin. Competing interests of Professor Lewin’s Institution included, “received funding for investigator-initiated grants from Gilead Sciences, Merck, Viiv Healthcare and Leidos; and honoraria for advisory boards and educational activities (Gilead Sciences, Merck, Viiv Healthcare and Abbvie).”

Funding was also declared from the Australian Partnership for Preparedness Research for Infectious Disease Emergencies (APPRISE; Professor Lewin co-leads the organisation’s laboratory research) and a government NHMRC grant.

The Doherty Institute has been granted \$3.2 million by the Jack Ma Foundation to create a Covid-19 vaccine.<sup>56</sup>

The Jack Ma Foundation was founded by Alibaba Group Founder Jack Ma.

The Alibaba Group operates an online drug distribution and sales system which covers the entire industry chain. Alibaba Health Information Technology Limited was formed in 2014, by Alibaba and Yunfeng Capital Ltd, a private equity firm set up by Alibaba founder Jack Ma.

Pharmaceutical companies AstraZeneca, SANOFI, Merck and Pfizer, have established strategic partnerships with Alibaba Health.<sup>57</sup>

In 2019, the Doherty Institute, CSIRO and the University of Queensland were awarded \$4.7 million in funding from Gates Foundation-founded CEPI “for the rapid development of vaccines aimed at halting the spread of pandemics and other infectious diseases.”<sup>58</sup>

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<sup>53</sup> Australian Government Department of Health, Greg Hunt (17th March 2020): ‘Doorstop interview about coronavirus (COVID-19)’

<sup>54</sup> The Doherty Institute, News (February 2020): ‘Commonwealth announces \$2m MRFF competitive funding for COVID-19 vaccine’

<sup>55</sup> Nature Medicine, Lewin et al (2020): ‘Breadth of concomitant immune responses prior to patient recovery: a case report of non-severe COVID-9’

<sup>56</sup> The Doherty Institute (March 2020): ‘Doherty Institute awarded Au\$3.2 million by the Jack Ma Foundation to accelerate a vaccine for Covid-19’

<sup>57</sup> Value Invest Asia, Ruzaini Ahmad (January 2020): ‘Can Alibaba Health Information Technology Transform China’s Pharmaceutical Industry?’

<sup>58</sup> Australian Financial Review, Angus Grigg (2019): ‘Gates Foundation backs University of Queensland vaccine bid’

In April 2020, the CEO of CSIRO, Dr Larry Marshall, said CSIRO had “joined that group about a year ago *in anticipation of an event like this [Covid-19] possibly happening in the future*. It's the same reason we created, if you like, the vaccine pipeline and manufacturing capability... “We're working with CEPI, and CEPI have given us a contract for some \$4.7 million between the University of Queensland, Doherty and us.”<sup>59</sup> (Emphasis added)

CEPI recently announced a collaboration with pharmaceutical company GSK (Glaxosmithkline) to “coordinate engagements between GSK and entities funded by CEPI who are interested in testing their vaccine platform with GSK’s adjuvant technology to develop effective vaccines against 2019-nCoV. The first agreement to formalize this arrangement has been signed between GSK and the University of Queensland, Australia...”<sup>60</sup> CEPI has said it will require billions of dollars to develop Covid-19 vaccines, requiring funding commitments from governments.

In March 2020, the World Economic Forum announced that in a “high-level COVID Action Platform Virtual Meeting hosted by the World Economic Forum, CEPI CEO Richard Hatchett said for businesses the shift in funding [to vaccine projects] would be “the best investment your companies will ever make.”<sup>61</sup>

## GLOBAL COLLABORATIONS

A significant number of the Doherty Institute's Global Projects and researchers collaborate with and receive funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and its close partner, the Wellcome Trust.<sup>62</sup> The Gates Foundation relationship is important, as this ‘non-profit’ organisation actually acts as a funnel to move public money to private coffers. The Gates Foundation is one of the largest biotech and pharmaceutical investors in the world.<sup>63</sup>

Quijano (2019) explains the purportedly “development financing” of the philanthropy of Gates et al, which is in fact a grotesque “neoliberal financing scheme” using vaccines as the medium.<sup>64</sup>

*“The Vaccination Trojan Horse of Imperialism in recent years has become much bigger with the growing power of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which is the main driver of global health policy.... With his unprecedented power, Bill Gates was able to initiate an elaborate neoliberal financing scheme for vaccines that inevitably transfers public funds to private coffers.*

*Ostensibly, the scheme is designed to help developing countries to fund their vaccination programs but in reality, these countries are caught in a debt-trap.*

*This so-called “innovative development financing” is a debt-based mechanism that taps capital markets to subsidize vaccine buyers and manufacturers through an intermediary, the International Finance Facility for Immunization (IFFIm).*

*Gavi floats bonds which are secured by the promise of government donors to buy millions of doses of vaccines at a set price over periods as long as 20 years. Capitalists take a cut at every stage of the value chain while poor*

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<sup>59</sup> Parliament of Australia, Senate Economics Legislation Committee (April 2020): ‘Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), CEO Dr Larry Marshall’

<sup>60</sup> CEPI: ‘CEPI and GSK announce collaboration to strengthen the global effort to develop a vaccine for the 2019-nCoV virus’

<sup>61</sup> World Economic Forum (March 2020): ‘How are companies responding to the coronavirus crisis?’

<sup>62</sup> Doherty Institute: ‘Where we work’

<sup>63</sup> Global Policy, Jens Martens and Karolin Seitz (2015): ‘Philanthropic Power and Development: Who shapes the agenda?’

<sup>64</sup> Bulatlat, Romeo F Quijano (2019): ‘Vaccination: most deceptive tool of imperialism’

*countries are supposed to benefit from access to vaccines that might not otherwise be affordable. Bondholders receive a tax-free guaranteed return on investment, suited to an era of ultra-low interest rates. Pharmaceutical firms, meanwhile, are able to peddle expensive vaccines at subsidized prices in a cash-poor but vast and risk-free market. By creating a predictable demand pull, IFFIm addresses a major constraint to immunization scale-up: the scarcity of stable, predictable, and coordinated cash flows for an extended period.”*

The Doherty Institute’s ‘Vaccines Innovations Prioritisation Working Group’ is led by Dr Christopher Morgan. The Group collaborates with the World Health Organisation, Gavi [the Vaccine Alliance, founded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation], PATH, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, as part of a multi-partner program “to identify which new techniques to administer, store or track vaccines represents the best investment opportunity for global immunization partners.”

Dr Morgan chairs the WHO Immunization Practices Advisory Committee and is a principal for Immunization, Vaccines and Immunity at the Burnet Institute.<sup>65</sup>

IN 2019, University of Melbourne and Doherty Institute research groups benefited when a new laboratory was opened up to fight against dengue, as part of a “collaborative NHMRC grant” which included Monash university groups, interfacing with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the National Institutes of Health and the Wellcome Trust.<sup>66</sup>

A number of the Doherty Institute’s studies are affiliated with Glaxosmithkline.<sup>67, 68, 69</sup>

## DIRECTOR SHARON LEWIN

In 2019, Professor Sharon Lewin was awarded the Order of Australia for “distinguished service to medical research, and to education and clinical care, in the field of infectious diseases...”<sup>70</sup>

Professor Lewin Chairs the NHMRC’s ‘Health Translation Advisory Committee’, which “[advises] the CEO and Council of NHMRC on opportunities to improve health outcomes in areas including clinical care, public, population and environmental health, communicable diseases and prevention of illness...”<sup>71</sup>

In addition to her leadership roles at the NHMRC, Professor Lewin has also received multiple grants from the NHMRC and declares “Current, past and likely future application to NHMRC for research and people support.”

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<sup>65</sup> Doherty Institute, Dr Christopher Morgan

<sup>66</sup> Doherty Institute (June 2019): ‘New laboratory opened to step up fight against dengue’

<sup>67</sup> Doherty Institute: ‘Evaluation of 4-amino 2-anilinoquinazolines against Plasmodium and other apicomplexan parasites in vitro and in a P. Falciparum Humanized NOD-scid IL2Rnull Mouse Model of Malaria’

<sup>68</sup> Doherty Institute: ‘The presence of HLA-E-Restricted, CMV-Specific CD8+ T Cells in the blood of lung transplant recipients correlates with chronic allograft rejection’

<sup>69</sup> Doherty Institute: ‘Circulation and characterization of seasonal influenza viruses in Cambodia, 2012-2015’

<sup>70</sup> APPRISE (January 2019): ‘APPRISE investigator, Professor Sharon Lewin, appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia’

<sup>71</sup> NHMRC: ‘Health Translation Advisory Committee’

Professor Lewin is a Chief Investigator at APPRISE, the Australian Partnership for Preparedness Research on Infectious Disease Emergencies. APPRISE is reportedly involved in supporting the government's Covid-19 national incident room and has begun working with international collaborators to begin a preclinical vaccine.<sup>72</sup>

The NHMRC's website lists a number of Professor Lewin's disclosures.<sup>73</sup>

Professor Lewin has a substantial representation on various governmental advisory panels, including the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Blood Borne Viruses and Sexually Transmitted Infection, Ministerial Advisory Committee on Health and Medical Research (Victoria), the Scientific Advisory Board at the National Institute for Health's Vaccine Research Centre.

Professor Lewin is also a Member of the Strategic and Technical Advisory Committee on HIV at the World Health Organisation.

In addition, Professor Lewin has participated in advisory boards to a number of pharmaceutical companies including Merck, Gilead, ViiV, Bionore, Abivax, Calimmune and InniVirVax, which produce vaccination products. Professor Lewin is also a consultant to Tetralogic, Calimmune, Geovax and Abivax, companies which produce vaccination products.

Professor Lewin has also received funds from National Institutes for Health and the Wellcome for research projects. She has declared funding to support investigator initiated projects from ViiV Healthcare, Merck, Gilead Sciences and Tetralogic.

It is deeply concerning that the Institute responsible for modelling which is informing the Australian Government's Covid-19 policy, appears to have a potential financial conflict of interest in ensuring that the 'solution' for ending lockdown policy is a vaccine, to the possible financial gain of their numerous benefactors.

## COVID-19 MODELLER

### PROFESSOR JODIE MCVERNON

Doherty Institute's Professor Jodie McVernon is co-leading the modelling for COVID-19, which is highly influential to "inform the public health response to COVID-19".<sup>74 75</sup>

So far, the Australian government response to Doherty's Covid-19 modelling has included mandating extreme "social distancing" and lockdown measures, which have decimated small business, led to mass unemployment and devastation to Australia's economy. Here I explore my concerns that Professor McVernon's possible conflicts of interest may influence the advice the Doherty Institute gives to the Australian government.

## VACCINE AS THE ONLY SOLUTION

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<sup>72</sup> Australian Government Parliament, COVID-19, Dr Katrina Allen MP, 2nd March 2020

<sup>73</sup> NHMRC: 'Health Translation Advisory Committee'

<sup>74</sup> APPRISE (8th April 2020): 'COVID-19 modelling papers and press conference'

<sup>75</sup> Doherty Institute (7th April 2020): 'COVID-19 modelling papers and press conference'

In April 2020, Prime Minister Scott Morrison “reiterated that life as we know it will not return for months as global leaders race to find a coronavirus vaccine... that while many states have managed to “push the curve down”, ultimately, “there needs to be a vaccine”... “A vaccine ultimately enables everybody to go back to life as it was...”<sup>76</sup>

Professor McVernon wrote, “Based on our advice since early February 2020, the Commonwealth has worked with jurisdictions to prepare for a scenario worse than those previously envisaged, in an accelerated timeframe.”<sup>77</sup>

“Australia is contributing to global efforts to identify effective antiviral drugs that will reduce COVID-19’s impact and to development of vaccines that may be able to definitively stop the outbreak.”

Both Professor McVernon and her employer, the Doherty Institute, appear to have deep financial ties to pharmaceutical and vaccine companies, and pro-vaccine organisations such as the Gates Foundation and CEPI. The Doherty Institute has received millions of dollars in federal and industry funding to develop a Covid-19 vaccine.

Professor McVernon and the Doherty Institute appear to have a strong financial incentive to recommend the government continue lockdown measures until their vaccine is produced, to the benefit of their industry benefactors. I believe they may have a strong financial incentive to recommend that the vaccine be mandatory, which Chief Medical Officer Brendan Murphy has the legal authority to mandate.

Neither Professor McVernon, nor the Doherty Institute appear to have disclosed their financial conflicts of interest regarding this matter. The Chief Medical Officer and the government have refused to release modelling that is based on Australian data and measures.

In an interview with the ABC’s Sabra Lane on the 8th April 2020, Professor McVernon was asked about her Covid-19 modelling. Professor McVernon appeared to be committed to a vaccine as the solution to Covid-19.<sup>78</sup>

As noted by Lane, “The modelling released yesterday wasn’t based on Australian data or measures. It showed in theory, without any restrictions or physical distancing, that 35,000 Australians could need ICU treatment each day of its peak.”

Professor McVernon said, “So I think the value of that early scenario modelling, of saying what could happen if we do nothing, was really important in driving very decisive action early in Australia about things like border measures and repatriation and quarantine and isolation and case finding and about setting off a whole train of preparedness activities while we bought time with those measures to try to delay importation of the virus.”  
“...I think we need to look forward and recognise the intense international effort that is going into this and the organisations like CEPI (Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations) that have set up the sort of prior networks and capacities to mean that this process can be accelerated. So I think all of that is great and we all

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<sup>76</sup> 7 News, Summer Woolley (April 2020): ‘Coronavirus Australia update: PM says vaccine is key to wearing restrictions’

<sup>77</sup> COSMOS, Jodie McVernon & James McCaw (1st April 2020): ‘Models have supported Australia’s response to COVID-19’

<sup>78</sup> ABC, Sabra Lane (April 2020): ‘We cannot promise lives will not be lost’: Modelling expert’

are hoping for a vaccine... we really need to understand how those vaccines might work, how they are best used and where they are best applied.”

Professor McVernon has served on the Australian government’s Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) since 2014. Professor McVernon is also a member of the ATAGI’s Meningococcal Working Group.<sup>79</sup>

Professor McVernon also serves as Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee for the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance.<sup>80</sup>

Professor McVernon has “been an investigator on vaccine and epidemiological studies sponsored by a range of vaccine manufacturers”<sup>81</sup>, and discloses she has received funding from pharmaceutical companies which produce vaccines including Novartis Vaccines, GlaxoSmithKline, Commonwealth Serum Laboratories, Sanofi, bioCSL and Pfizer.<sup>82, 83</sup>

I would like to thank the Committee for their consideration.

Regards,

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<sup>79</sup> ATAGI: Meningococcal Working Party

<sup>80</sup> National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance: ‘Scientific Advisory Committee’

<sup>81</sup> University of Melbourne, McVernon et al (2015): ‘Antibody Persistence in Australian Adolescents Following Meningococcal C Conjugate Vaccination’

<sup>82</sup> American Journal of Epidemiology, McVernon et al (2017): ‘Determining the Best Strategies for Maternally Targeted Pertussis Vaccination Using an Individual-Based Model’

<sup>83</sup> ATAGI Conflicts of interest (archived version of site as current link broken)

## Appendix 1

Summary of full report: 'Covid-19: Plandemic. Profit. Fallout'<sup>84</sup>

Melissa Harrison

### **PART ONE: PLANDEMIC**

The novel coronavirus 'Covid-19' has been deemed an international public health risk. The unprecedented international response has resulted in economic devastation and the virtual house arrest of billions of people. I discuss concerns surrounding the irregularities of initial diagnosis and testing procedures. There appears to be an absence of any "gold standard" test, or control groups to assess accuracy of diagnostics. Instead, without external validation, "emergency approval" has been granted by the WHO and national health authorities. Regulators like Australia's TGA acknowledge possible inaccuracies - saying there is a possibility of false positives AND false negatives, and that exposure to last year's seasonal coronavirus may trigger false positives. Regardless, the WHO and governments are pushing wide-scale mass testing, which incidentally also gathers genetic data from the public.

I explore the data used in informing the Covid-19 policy response. Data which governments are relying on can be traced back to dubious sources, including social media and local news reports.

International health authorities are engaging in irregular Covid-19 death attribution. Some hospitals are allegedly financially incentivised to declare Covid-19 cases.

The modelling used for international policy is based on unpublished, unverified 13 year old code. Australian modellers have appear to have deep financial ties to pharmaceutical companies and conflicted global power structures such as the Gates Foundation and Gavi (Vaccine Alliance).

I discuss the dark possibility of the Covid-19 'plandemic' - involving a recent series of high profile pandemic scenarios involving the military, G20 members and global organisations like the World Economic Forum and the Gates Foundation. These 'plandemic' scenarios have deeply unsettling parallels to nuanced details of the current Covid-19 outbreak. Many of the entities involved appear to have either profited or gathered immense power from the international policy response to the pandemic.

I note one of the key advisors to the Australian government's Covid-19 response was a member of one of these high level 'plandemic' panels, which involved the World Economic Forum, the Gates Foundation and organisations tied to the US military. These predictive 'war games' parallel the 2001 military pandemic simulation 'Dark Winter'. This simulation accurately predicted the 2001 anthrax attacks. Simulation members later demonstrated clear foreknowledge of the anthrax attacks. Coordinators of Dark Winter were also involved in the recent coronavirus pandemic scenarios. I intend to pose the question - how many 'coincidences' are required before we begin to consider the possibility of foreknowledge?

I outline the relationships of Australian government organisations and vaccine manufacturers, and the troubling timelines of their Covid-19 vaccine development - which appear to have pre-empted the current crisis.

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<sup>84</sup> M Harrison: 'Covid-19: Plandemic. Profit. Fallout'

I examine the 'unprecedented, unchecked' powers given to Health Minister Greg Hunt and Chief Medical Officer Brendan Murphy under the Biosecurity Act 2015, and Minister Hunt's history as an apparent 'friend of Big Pharma'.

## **PART TWO: PROFIT**

I examine the pervasive influence of Big Pharma over the Australian government, concluding that "Big Pharma is gaming the government" and using the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme to siphon off billions from Australian taxpayers. Vaccines are a highly lucrative product - given their mass market potential and eligibility for taxpayer funded rebates. I note the grotesque conflicts of interest in Australia's drug regulators, advisors, researchers and inventors. The "regulatory capture" by pharmaceutical companies is deeply concerning - given that in the response to Covid-19, all options - including mass mandatory vaccination - appear to be on the table.

I conduct a case study of "regulatory capture", showing evidence of a former Prime Minister who personally profited from 'medically coercive' legislation passed under his government.

I examine the role of organisations and people playing an instrumental role in the Australian government's Covid-19 response, including the Doherty Institute. I demonstrate serious implications of potential financial conflicts of interest. Modellers recommending the draconian lockdown of Australia, which has resulted in economic devastation and societal ruin, appear financially incentivised to keep lockdown in place until their own vaccines are ready for manufacture.

I explore the relationship between the Australian media and pharmaceutical companies, with sensationalist media stories acting as an advertising funnel to drug companies, including the garnering of Australian children for profitable clinical drug trials. I draw parallels to the media's current obsessive coverage of Covid-19, and the lack of balanced reporting.

A case study of the 2009 Swine Flu Pandemic reveals a European Parliamentary inquiry determined that the WHO manipulated information to fraudulently declare a pandemic, activating lucrative 'sleeping contracts' with pharmaceutical companies. It is also revealed that the Australian Department of Health misrepresented statistical data to alarm the public about swine flu, although this was unjustified. The government ordered vaccines prepared before there was any evidence that swine flu was more serious than other strains of flu.

The World Health Organisation's International Health Regulations are legally binding, with Australia as a signatory. The WHO receives a significant majority of its funding from pharmaceutical companies. I query whether the WHO is an example of 'regulatory capture' on an international, industrial scale - is the WHO merely a proxy to legally enforce the interests of their pharmaceutical benefactors? Who truly decides Australia's Covid-19 health policy response- the WHO or Big Pharma?

I examine the Imperialist 'pharmaceutical colonialism' of the Gates Foundation, an organisation which is highly influential in determining global health policy.

The Gates Foundation operates under a banner of philanthropy, but their deep financial ties to biotech and pharmaceutical companies show evidence of their true purpose - to facilitate the transfer of vast swathes of

public money to drug companies. The Gates Foundation also profits as one of the world's largest investors in biotech and pharmaceutical/vaccine companies.

I reference numerous examples of deeply unethical and predatory practices of the Gates Foundation- revealing their claim of 'philanthropy' to be an abomination. These examples include an Indian parliamentary Inquiry which found the Foundation was partnering with drug companies to conduct illegal medical experimentation on tens of thousands of children. State-funded Australian organisations are now partnering one of these companies to develop a Covid-19 vaccine. I expose a disturbing revelation - the Australian government is collaborating with the Gates foundation to commit public funding to projects which increase poverty and starvation in developing nations, to the obscene profit of biotech companies.

### **PART THREE: FALLOUT**

I explore Western world leaders, including Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, who appear adamant that "life will not go back to what it was" until there is a Covid-19 vaccine. The proposal of 'digital vaccine certificates' to prove immunity is gaining traction, an idea originally proposed by the Gates Foundation and Gates-funded Gavi (Vaccine Alliance).

Particularly concerning is the global drive to 'fast-track' Covid-19 vaccines approval to a matter of months rather than years. Especially given that many of these are RNA/DNA 'experimental vaccines', which involve directly injecting genetic material into people. These types of vaccines have never been approved for human use before.

I examine the conflicts of interest surrounding the Victorian government's arguably extreme policing response to the 'pandemic' and officials' stated intention to mandate a Covid-19 vaccine. I expose the State government's history of alliance with pharmaceutical companies and the State's apparent financial incentive to legislate mandatory vaccination.

I expose the financial devastation of lockdown policy, and Covid-19 legislation that favours the rich.

The swift rise of the international Bio-Surveillance State appears coordinated, with leaders of the movement also involved in the high-level 'plandemic' preparedness exercises. I examine the new partnerships between Big Tech and governments, involving companies with deep ties to intelligence agencies. Tracking, big data and genetic surveillance is being rapidly pushed by government, military and intelligence organisations to 'combat Covid-19', enabling 'structural reforms' that the public would not have accepted without the pandemic narrative.

I discuss the plethora of international human rights violations conducted under the guise of 'fighting Covid-19' and conclude that the sweeping power re-allocation may have forever altered the relationship between citizen and state.