

SUMMARY OF EFFECT OF LOCKDOWNS

- Early estimates of the impact of COVID-19 disruptions on jobs, wages, and lifetime earnings of schoolchildren in Australia have been provided to government: Gigi Foster School of Economics, University of New South Wales. Material that further addresses themes of questions at Professor Gigi Foster's PAEC testimony on Covid-19, 12 August 2020

Health risks increase with lockdown, modelling was off, inaccurate death reports, trampling of liberties, economic fallout:

"An alternative government script

Covid is like a severe flu, and a bit more infectious. It has been added to what is circulating in humanity.

We can't stop the virus from spreading, and we don't want to. The sooner it moves across the general population, the sooner it will run out of carriers and come to a halt on its own – through a combination of factors such as the development of antibodies, existing T-cell immunity, and heterogeneous susceptibility across individuals.

Most of us will be unaffected by the virus and unaware of any infection.

Do what supports your health, happiness, and immune system. If you get seriously ill, go to hospital. Otherwise, get on with your life."

- The proportionality of the Victorian Government's response to COVID-19 was also provided publicly: Sanjeev Sabhlok, Ph.D. Economics (USC, Los Angeles) 18 October 2020

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Prof. FOSTER: Let me respond by remarking that in the past six months we have witnessed a mass worldwide sacrificial event driven by a fear of the unknown and essentially an abandonment of post-Enlightenment thinking. We have been swept up in hysteria and the fanaticism of crowds. Now, the post-Enlightenment response to these uncertainties you are speaking of that we face right now, such as what will the long-run health impacts be of this virus, that post-Enlightenment response is no different than in any other scenario: we use the best data available at the time to generate our best guesses of the damage and then we factor those guesses into our analysis. If you do that, you still come out in favour of not having a wholesale lockdown.