NZ Covid Inquiry Deadline: A Simplified Guide to Submit Your Feedback

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NZDSOS stresses the critical need for public engagement in the NZ covid-19 inquiry, so that we can promote healing and a path to a future where medical freedom is never in doubt. We urge the government to recognize the adverse effects of covid injections and mandates on citizens, doctors and healthcare practitioners and workers and commit to reclaiming control of our national health strategy. We advocate for a more comprehensive inquiry and encourage respectful, honest feedback.

Don't Miss Out—Share this info with Family and Friends.

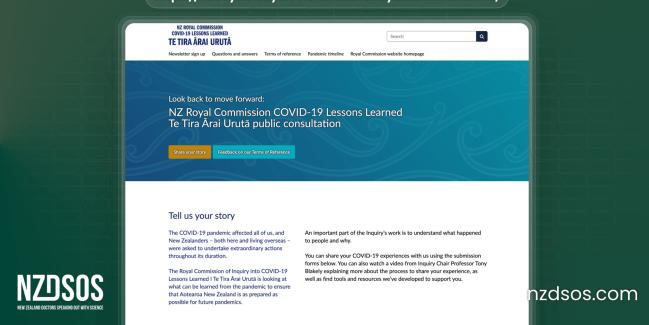
Submission deadline: March 24, 2024. It's vital to voice your thoughts. Let's ensure our experiences are acknowledged until real justice prevails for the silenced and injured.

Our <u>own submission</u> outlines concerns over lockdowns, vaccine efficacy and harms, societal impacts, and calls for a thorough investigation into the pandemic response, including public transparency and accountability. NZDSOS urges New Zealanders to support broader inquiry terms and share their covid experiences.

The deadline for providing feedback to the Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI) is next week. Whether you stand by the original Terms of Reference (ToR) or have insights on the expanded ToR, your input is **crucial**. Here's a straightforward guide on effectively making your voice heard.

First, Understand What The Call For Feedback Is About

https://haveyoursay.covid19lessons.royalcommission.nz/



Before diving into submitting your feedback, it's crucial to grasp <u>the significance of the RCI</u> and the ToR (again, that's short for Royal Commission Inquiry and Terms of Reference). The RCI aims to review actions and decisions made between February 2020 and October 2022 concerning the government response to the covid pandemic.

The original Terms of Reference define this review's scope, focus, and limits—which are too narrow and determinate to allow for a real investigation. The inquiry urgently seeks feedback on expanded terms of reference to address public concerns. Yet, crucial topics like vaccine safety remain unmentioned. However, vaccine safety can be noted under the expanded terms of "vaccine procurement", "whether the decisions made were justified", "whether the rules set by the government appropriately balanced covid-19 elimination with other goals (e.g. health)", and "the extent of disruption to New Zealanders' health."

Your input on these matters is vital.

How to Submit Your Feedback on the Terms of Reference



Feedback is accepted electronically, allowing everyone to contribute their insights and experiences. However, it's not as straightforward as we hoped. Here's a step-by-step guide:

©Time Required: 10 minutes to 1 hour

1. Provide a Written Answer with your thoughts about the expanded Terms of Reference:

Do you have specific feedback on the inclusion of these topics?

- use of multiple lockdowns;
- vaccine procurement and efficacy;
- the social and economic impacts on both regional and national levels;
- whether the decisions made, and steps taken, were justified;
- the cost-effectiveness of the Government's policies, and whether the rules set by the Government appropriately balanced COVID-19 elimination with other goals;
- the Government's utilisation of partnerships with business and professional groups;
- the extent of disruption to New Zealanders' health, education and business as a result of the Government's policies;
- if the Government's response was consistent with the rule of law;
- how New Zealand's pandemic preparedness compared to other countries

Prepare Your Feedback: Before visiting the Royal Commission website to give your feedback, open a separate Word document (or grab a pen and paper) and start writing. Start by outlining your key points. Consider your personal experiences, what you believe worked well, what didn't, and how future responses could be improved. Limit your submission to *3,500* characters (approximately **580** words). Remember that if a point you want to make is not specifically mentioned, such as vaccine harms, you can add this under "disruption to New Zealanders' Health".

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enabled.	About the Royal Commission The Royal Commission The Royal Commission of Inquiry Into COVID-19 Lessons Learned Te Tria Árai announced by the New Zealand Government in December 2022, and began work 2023. It is led by Professor Tony Blakely (Chair), specialist in epidemiology and public and John Whitekead CN2W KGSL, economist. It not intels Parata Right Brown, Right Tah, also served as a Commissioner until November 2023. You can read more about the Commissioner Signer	will be kept confidential. Your response to the constitution (what you share about an expanded terms of reference) will be subject to the Official Information Act and Privacy Act and so it may be released, either in summary form, in complete form, or with some material redacted or withheld under either the OIA or Privacy Acts. In addition, the Department of Internal Affairs may publish a report or analysis of the feedback received.
	While the work of the inquiry is independent, the terms of reference outlining how the Inquiry must operate are set by the Governmert. The inquiry's report is to be delivered to the Governor-General by 30 September 2024. A summary of our current terms of reference is provided below. You can read them in full <u>https://doc.org/10.1016/j.com/10.1016</u>	Save and come back later
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Remember, on Page 1, scroll to the bottom and click/tap Continue to enter your written answer about the terms of reference.

2. Go to the Royal Commission Website: We highly recommend opting for a Desktop or laptop over your mobile device if feasible. *On Page 1, head all the way to the bottom and click or tap on continue.* Below, we've condensed the Supporting Information if you're short on time.

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Use the Feedback Template: To streamline the process, consider using the following template for your submission:

Dear Commissioners,

[Introduction]

Briefly introduce yourself and explain why you are submitting feedback. Mention if your feedback focuses on the original ToR, the expanded ToR, or both.

[Suggestions about the Terms of Reference]

Offer constructive suggestions on how the ToR could be refined. Be specific about areas needing attention and why. Emphasize the need for a holistic approach to investigation.

– The Terms of Reference are not broad enough; in addition to the expanded ToR considered by the RCI, please consider:

[Add/extrapolate on these talking points if you feel they matter to you:]

 Lockdown Effects: Include a thorough analysis of the social, economic, and mental health impacts of lockdowns to understand the full scope of consequences.

– Vaccine Efficacy and Harms: Advocate for a comprehensive investigation into the effectiveness and therefore the adverse effects of Covid-19 vaccines, highlighting the importance of transparency and accountability in the process.

 Decisions made: Suggest integrating feedback from a broad range of stakeholders, including healthcare professionals and the public, to ensure diverse perspectives were considered in decision making.

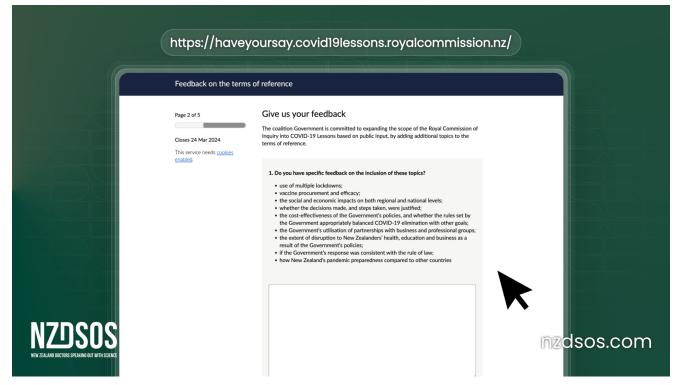
- Government's policies: Call for an examination of the effectiveness and harms of Covid-19 policies including how decisions were made and how future preparedness can be improved.

[Conclusion]

Summarise your key points and reiterate the importance of considering your feedback in the ongoing inquiry.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]



For even more ideas on how to write your submission about the ToR scope, see our post here.

3. Complete Demographic Questions 2-12 (optional)

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	Demographic questions Thank you for sharing your feedback. To help us learn more about your situation, and ensure that all voices are represented, please take the time to answer these brief questions. While they are optional, they help the Government understand your situation more fully. All contact details and identifying information are kept confidential.	6. Where do you live? Auckland 7. Did you live somewhere different during the pandemic? No 8. If yes, where did you live? Pease Solect -					
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NZD SOS New Zealand doctors speaking out with science	3. What is your contact email?	Dear Hearing Loss Neurodiverse Mental Distress Chronic Illness Other (please specify)	nzdsos.com				

We recommend answering as many demographic questions as possible to ensure your submission is considered verifiable and valid for the purposes of this inquiry.

After you submit your written feedback, you are invited to answer demographic questions about your background. Without this information, your feedback may be viewed as spam and excluded.

4. Submit Your Feedback: In the final step, the website asks for your email address if you have not already submitted it. If you do provide an email address, you will be sent a receipt and a link to a PDF copy of your response. You may continue to submit a response with or without adding your email address.

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Click or tap Submit Response to file your electronic response with the Royal Commission. Then, if you like, you can leave your submission in this post's comments.

Sharing Your Story

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While not mandatory, sharing personal stories within the scope of the original ToR can significantly impact the commission's understanding and perspectives. If comfortable, include a brief account of how the events under review affected you or your community. Authentic stories can illustrate the real-world implications of decisions and policies.

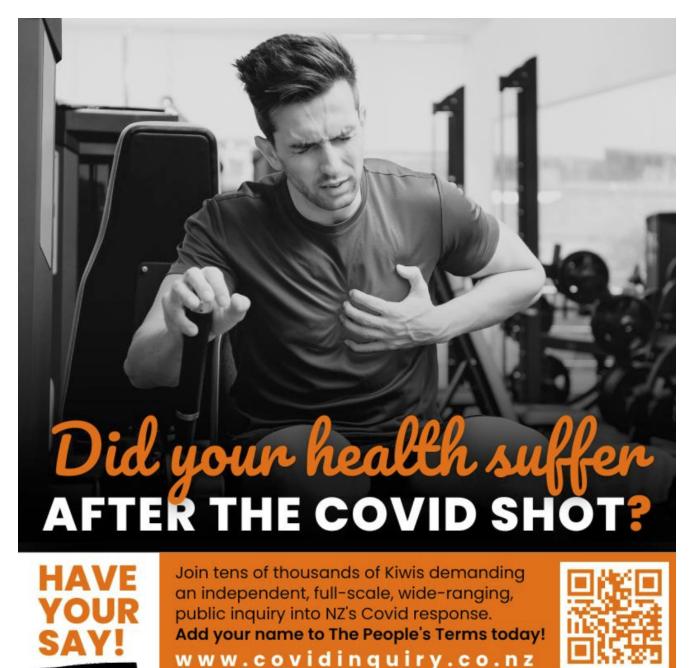
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Downloadable Instructions

For ease of access and to encourage widespread participation, consider creating downloadable instructions based on this guide. This can help those less familiar with digital platforms or who prefer to prepare their feedback offline before submitting it.

The People's Terms

Additionally, NZDSOS supports **The People's Terms**, an urgent, passionate call to redefine how the inquiry operates and what it will review.



This comprehensive set of terms demands a thorough investigation into critical issues:

- Removal and replacement of Commissioners Blakely and Whitehead; and
- Disbanding and replacement of all other staff currently engaged for the Commission of Inquiry; or
- Alternatively, the termination of the current Inquiry.

In addition, it will be sought that:

- Three new suitable Commissioners be appointed;
- Key decision makers be compelled to appear and answer questions under oath;
- All evidence be given in public with proceedings being live-streamed; and
- All evidence be made publicly available.

1. The Preliminary Response

- Emergency powers
- Masking, social distancing, gathering restrictions
- Modelling
- Essential vs non-essential businesses
- Government & media messaging

2. The Government Response

- Alert levels & border closures
- Coordination with global agencies (passport systems, etc.)
- Planning & cost-benefit analyses
- Overseas experience and statistical results
- Conflicts of interest

3. The Vaccine Response

- Contracts, approval processes
- Surveillance & assessment of safety and efficacy
- Mandates, incentive schemes, exemptions
- Monitoring systems & ACC Advertising

4. The Social & Economic Impacts

- Bill of Rights implications
- Excess deaths
- Budgetary effects & Inflation
- Judicial approaches
- Systems impacts: health, education, emergency services, and defence
- Economic and commercial impacts

For more detailed information, you can visit The People's Terms website directly.

Final Thoughts

Even if this public process doesn't result in the immediate outcomes we want, our voices matter. By providing thoughtful, concise, and constructive feedback, you could play a crucial role in shaping the inquiry's direction and outcomes. Let your voice be heard and be a part of this vital conversation.

Have Your Say in the NZ Covid Inquiry.

Submission deadline: March 24, 2024. Submitting feedback on the Terms of Reference goes beyond a bureaucratic process; it presents an opportunity to drive significant change and voice our concerns.

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