

## Position Summary: COVID-19 Vaccinations and Mandates

*We acknowledge that there are many differing opinions on vaccines and mandates. AC urges churches, organisations, and Christians to maintain peace and unity with each other despite our differing views. We also encourage people to consider the broader context of issues.*

*In particular, the delay in reopening WA's borders have highlighted the inadequacy of WA's ill funded and understaffed health system. We need to keep the government accountable, and that means continually shedding light on important issues that our communities face.*

- Australian Christians supports the right of every person to make wise decisions regarding their own health and wellbeing.
- Australian Christians generally supports the use of vaccinations; believing that vaccinations have prevented many debilitating diseases and saved countless lives.
- Australian Christians opposes the implementation of coercive vaccine mandates which result in loss of personal autonomy, imbalance of power, and loss of individual and families' livelihoods.
- Australian Christians supports compassionate and conscientious exemptions for Covid- 19 vaccinations, for those who are opposed to it, have immunity, or wanting to wait for alternative COVID treatments.
- Australian Christians will keep pushing for a sensible road map out of lockdown to ensure people and businesses have hope and certainty going forward.
- Australian Christians champions freedom of speech and expression and will continue to highlight gaps in our health and social systems.
- Australian Christians calls for more funding for Chaplains and counselling services who are supporting children, young people and families experiencing mental health issues, loss of income and isolation due to the pandemic.
- Australian Christians will continue in its efforts to be a political voice for sensible policies that promote hope, clarity, freedom, and truth.
- We need to continue to pray for our government and those in authority; for righteousness, and that they will lead with wisdom and compassion.