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Senator the Hon Marise Payne Minister for Foreign Affairs Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Via Email: foreign.minister@dfat.gov.au

**Dear Minister** 

The Australian Medical Professionals Society is writing on behalf of our membership to inform you of our serious concerns regarding medical freedom if Australia adopts the "Global Pandemic Treaty."

We are aware that the World Health Organisation (WHO) will meet in Geneva later this May to discuss the adoption of the International Health Regulation amendments and their adoption by member states including Australia.

We understand these amendments will confer power to the WHO when they declare a Pandemic, overriding the sovereignty of individual member states. We cannot support surrendering our national sovereignty to unelected international bureaucrats to determine our public health response to future pandemics.

The failures of this COVID-19 Pandemic have highlighted the impact of following global guidelines rather than our nationally drafted pandemic preparedness plans. In contradiction to our nation's plans outlining the lack of evidence supporting the benefits of lockdowns, masks, mass testing of healthy people and coercive gene-based vaccination mandates, we implemented these draconian measures in lockstep with WHO international recommendations.

Supporting this Global Treaty hands supranational power to unelected WHO bureaucrats who have the power to override our individual constitutional rights more than has already been demonstrated. If the WHO can declare a Pandemic, enforce lockdowns and medical treatments against the will of the people of individual member states we have entered global medical totalitarianism. This will remove any semblance of human rights we had to medical autonomy, free speech, informed consent, and access to public service provision without discrimination.

We respectfully implore you to reject signing Australia up to this treaty. Handing over responsibility for pandemic preparedness and public health to unelected international bureaucrats is beyond dangerous. The Australian people elect our representatives to serve our best interests. We implore you to ensure the responsibility for Australians' health and safety remains in Australia where we can demand transparency and accountability in health.

Thank you for considering our position, we look forward to your response.

Kind regards

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