

# LIBERAL NATIONALS RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Michael O'Brien and his Liberal Nationals team have fulfilled their core role of holding the Victorian Government to account while also putting forward sensible ideas. The areas covered are as follows:

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## HEALTH (PANDEMIC MANAGEMENT)

*The Liberal Nationals have called on the Victorian Government to implement the following changes relating to contact tracing, hotels for health workers, testing policy, COVID-19 restrictions and the public housing tower lockdown.*

- [25 March 2020](#) – Provide a **one-year extension of the terms of hospital board members** who were approaching the end of their terms at 30 June to ensure board continuity and stability.
- [1 April 2020](#) – Deliver **priority access to testing** for the agriculture workforce, similar to the provisions made for health workers; and **make Victoria's hotel rooms available** for doctors, nurses and healthcare workers. The Victorian Government subsequently announced that it would make hotel rooms available for healthcare workers.
- [2 April 2020](#) – Urgently explain the **decision to ban all recreational fishing** under Stage 3 restrictions, counter to the policy in other states. (Note that in the second round of Victorian Stage 3 lockdowns which commenced on 9 July, and the fourth round of lockdowns which commenced on 28 May 2021, fishing was not banned.)
- [1 May 2020](#) – Reconsider the push for randomly testing 100,000 Victorians by **targeting specific groups of vulnerable and high-risk Victorians** such as the elderly and those in health facilities.
- [20 June 2020](#) – Take responsibility for the surge in Coronavirus cases and not place blame on families.
- [23 June 2020](#) – **Fix unreasonable wait times for COVID-19 testing** of over two hours
- [4 July 2020](#) – **Respect, decency and a full range of social and policing supports** for the 3,000 residents of nine public housing towers across Flemington and North Melbourne that were under hard lockdown.
- [7 July 2020](#) – Provide all resources necessary following reports of a **lack of police, and lack of food supplies and other necessities** for the residents in the locked down towers.
- [12 July 2020](#) – Introduce **new laws to deter and punish** those who deliberately infect others with COVID-19 as have been introduced in New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia.
- [15 July 2020](#) – Employ **tougher measures to deter residents** in the Melbourne lockdown zone from travelling to country areas, noting that it puts lives at risk.

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- [19 July 2020](#) – Address the **severe delays by DHHS in tracing the contacts** of confirmed COVID-19 cases which makes it difficult to contain the virus and will drive further outbreaks and longer lockdowns.
- [22 July 2020](#) – Introduce **further measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19** from metropolitan Victoria to regional Victoria, such as temperature checks at road borders and on V-line services, mandatory face masks on V-line services and better response times from DHHS on test results and contact tracing.
- [26 July 2020](#) – **Provide a dedicated COVID-19 hotline to schools and childcare centres** that are being left in the dark when it comes to knowing exactly what to do when they are presented with a COVID-19 case.
- [28 July 2020](#) – Immediately **provide all public healthcare staff with proper protection gear** following reports that Victorian doctors aren't being supplied adequate protective equipment and are being forced to steal masks or buy their own.
- [31 July 2020](#) – Implement **ankle monitoring bracelets and hotel quarantine** for people with COVID-19 who deliberately breach isolation rules.
- [6 August 2020](#) – **Publicly release COVID-19 genomic data** that the Victorian Government is refusing to publish.
- [12 August 2020](#) – Explain the callous and inhumane Health Department directives that are **turning away older and other vulnerable Victorians from hospitals**.
- [17 August 2020](#) – Explain the government's **failure to provide a plan to prevent COVID outbreaks** in State-run and funded Supported Residential Service facilities.
- [30 August 2020](#) – Complete an **urgent independent audit of the Victorian Government's contact tracing team** to ensure Victoria beats its second wave of coronavirus.
- [10 September 2020](#) – **Immediately scrap Melbourne's curfew**.
- [11 September 2020](#) – Ensure that all primary and specialist school **students return to face-to-face learning on the first school day of Term 4**, and all secondary school students on Thursday 8 October immediately following completion of the General Achievement Test.
- [11 September 2020](#) – Explain why the government **did not follow Victoria's health emergency plan** and appoint the Chief Health Officer to the critical role of State Controller.
- [15 September 2020](#) – **Immediately recommission the modelling and redo the Roadmap to Recovery**.
- [22 September 2020](#) – Adopt NSW technology for a **single app-based QR code check-in system** that works seamlessly with contact-tracing systems
- [11 February 2021](#) – Release **all of the audits undertaken into Victoria's hotel quarantine system**
- [17 February 2021](#) – Release plans and frameworks, if any, that exist to **manage COVID-19 in the future without resorting to damaging lockdowns**
- [2 June 2021](#) – Provide consistency and clarity around **decisions and data leading to Victoria's fourth lockdown**
- [5 June 2021](#) – **Release the health advice** to provide certainty and understanding around Melbourne's lockdown which is impacting regional tourism
- [19 July 2021](#) – Update the Services Victoria app so Victorians can access their own QR code check-in history and help with contact-tracing during outbreaks

## *Advocating the WorkSafe investigation into hotel quarantine*

On [20 August 2020](#) the Liberal Nationals called on WorkSafe to detail what investigations it has, or will be undertaking into the hotel quarantine fiasco.

On [18 February 2021](#) the Liberal Nationals called on Labor's Workplace Safety minister to explain why she had failed to direct WorkSafe to investigate hotel quarantine.

On [12 March 2021](#) the Liberal Nationals called on WorkSafe to act and prosecute members of the Andrews Labor Government over the hotel quarantine fiasco following many months of investigations, including a subsequent investigation into the failures of the rebooted program which caused February's five day 'snap' lockdown.

On [30 June 2021](#) the Liberal Nationals welcomed Ken Phillips' decision to refer the WorkSafe investigation into Hotel Quarantine to the Department of Public Prosecutions.

## *Fighting the Open-Ended State of Emergency*

On [24 August 2020](#) the Liberal Nationals announced an intention to oppose and vote to defeat the Daniel Andrews attempt to extend State of Emergency powers for a further 12 months.

On [28 August 2020](#) the Liberal Nationals proposed a number of amendments to Labor's State of Emergency legislation to better protect the rights of Victorians.

On [19 February 2021](#) the Liberal Nationals members of the Legislative Assembly voted against the Andrews Labor Government's second extension of the State of Emergency powers, followed by the Legislative Council on 2 March.

## *Promoting a more sensible approach to restrictions*

On [2 September](#) 2020 the Liberal Nationals highlighted areas that the Victorian Government should address as a priority in any roadmap out of COVID restrictions.

On [16 September](#) 2020 the Liberal Nationals expressed its support for legal action brought in the Supreme Court of Victoria against the Andrews Labor Government's curfew.

On [18 September](#) 2020 the Liberal Nationals announced the opportunity for Victorians to have their say as to why schools should reopen for Term 4 and pledge their support to [Open Our Schools](#) safely.

On [18 June 2021](#) the Liberal Nationals published a plan to end statewide lockdowns by instead limiting lockdowns to postcodes, fixing contact-tracing, deploying rapid testing, releasing the health advice and better targeting vaccinations.

On [23 July 2021](#) the Liberal Nationals published a plan to keep Victorian schools open during lockdowns by providing priority vaccinations for teachers and listening to the health experts who say our kids' education should not be disregarded.

## LAW AND SAFETY

*The Liberal Nationals have called on the Victorian Government to implement the following changes relating to protective services officers, sentence discounts, the Police Assistance Line, the enforcement of COVID-19 restrictions and CBD protests.*

- [4 April 2020](#) – Enable the **temporary redeployment of PSOs** throughout Victoria to areas of need such as shopping centres. On 6 April, the Victorian Government announced it would adopt this Liberal Nationals idea.
- [13 May 2020](#) – Provide better **clarity on COVID-19 social distancing restrictions** so that Victoria Police don't need to seek supervisor approval before issuing a fine for COVID-19 social distancing breaches
- [14 April 2020](#) – Ensure that common sense is applied to the social distancing rules being asked of Victorians so that **finer are only applied where there is a threat** to public health.
- [19 May 2020](#) – Rule out allowing some of Victoria's worst offenders to be **awarded 14 days off their sentence** for following the same COVID-19 lockdown measures required of the rest of the community.
- [19 May 2020](#) – Address the **botched management of the Police Assistance Line (PAL)** which has let down those who are simply trying to do the right thing by reporting breaches of COVID-19 restrictions and quarantine requirements among members of the community. With the public having made over 30,000 reports of COVID-19 breaches via PAL, neither the Chief Commissioner or Police Minister were able to say how many of these reports had resulted in a spot check being conducted or a fine being issued.
- [19 May 2020](#) – Address its failure to provide a clear set of rules during COVID-19 which left **Victoria Police second-guessing themselves and the community paying the price.**
- [21 May 2020](#) – Ensure that the **PSO presence on train platforms is not a casualty of the pandemic.** If Daniel Andrews wants to expand the role of PSOs, he must employ more rather than removing them from train stations and compromising the safety of commuters. Victorian commuters deserve a visible policing presence and Daniel Andrews must commit to returning two PSOs to all train stations as soon as possible.
- [3 June 2020](#) – Ensure that **COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings are complied with and enforced consistently**, including in relation to planned protest activities.
- [5 June 2020](#) – Use the State of Emergency powers and **shut down a planned mass protest in the Melbourne CBD.** The government failed to shut down this protest and it went ahead on 6 June with approximately 10,000 protesters in attendance.
- [12 June 2020](#) – Acknowledge that the failure to stop a mass CBD protest and ensure fines were issued to participants left Victorians questioning if there is **one set of rules for activists and another set for ordinary Victorians.**
- [6 July 2020](#) – **Bring in the ADF to support law enforcement** in Victoria.
- [19 July 2020](#) – Prevent **Regional Corrections Officers from being deployed** to the lockdown zone in metropolitan Melbourne to protect staff from contracting COVID-19 and spreading it within their communities.

- [23 July 2020](#) – Properly manage Victoria’s corrections system during COVID-19 to prevent thousands of prisoners becoming eligible for up to four ‘emergency management days’ for each day they are locked down. A breach at Ravenhall Prison caused 6 major Victorian prisons in Melbourne, Ararat, Langi Kal Kal, Sale, Geelong and Castlemaine being sent into lockdown resulting in a **‘get out of jail early’ card for 4,000 inmates.**
- [24 July 2020](#) – Act immediately to prevent **further incidents of apparent breaches of Victoria Police checkpoints** by metropolitan Melbourne residents.
- [30 August 2020](#) – Lift restrictions that have prevented the **CFA from completing vital fuel reduction burns.**
- [31 August 2020](#) – **Stop targeting law-abiding licensed shooters** with threats to take away firearms licences if CHO directions are violated.
- [3 September 2020](#) – Lift restrictions preventing thousands of **CFA volunteers undertaking vital training.**

On [15 July 2020](#) the Liberal Nationals wrote to the Fair Work Ombudsman requesting she undertake an investigation into the widespread allegations of wage underpayment, sham contracting and other illegal behaviour associated with the deployment of security guards as part of Daniel Andrews’ botched hotel quarantine program.

On [12 September 2020](#) the Liberal Nationals expressed concern at the Victorian Government’s intention to reduce the number of driving hours required of learner drivers before applying for their licence, as its way to clearing the backlog of tests caused by COVID restrictions.

### *Consistency on significant events*

- [19 February 2021](#) – **Rethink the decision to ban the ANZAC Day March** on April 25 given that the Moomba Festival was reinstated for February. In March, the government agreed to allow 5,000 marchers through the Melbourne CBD, later increased to 8,000
- [16 March 2021](#) – **Urgently provide clarity for capacity limits** and rules to be enforced at local RSL sub-branch ANZAC Day services amid reports of uncertainty and sub-branches considering cancelling their services.
- [2 March 2021](#) – **Permit larger crowd limits at community sporting club events**, from 1,000 to 3,000 spectators, to align with crowd limits permitted in NSW
- [13 April 2021](#) – **Permit more than just 1,400 people to attend the ANZAC Day dawn service** at the Cenotaph when 85,000 were allowed to gather at the MCG for the ANZAC Day football match.
- [15 July 2021](#) – **Introduce dedicated laws for serious interference with public health investigations** for people who refuse to cooperate with or mislead Covid-19 contact tracers

## HOUSEHOLD FINANCES

*The Liberal Nationals have called on the Victorian Government to implement the following changes relating to land tax relief, local council rates relief, freeze on the bin tax, freeze and refund fees and charges, and make changes to bring down utility bills.*

- [25 March 2020](#) – Deliver **land tax credits for residential and commercial property owners** who do the right thing and provide rent relief to tenants. On 15 April, the Victorian Government announced it would adopt this policy in part.
- [27 March 2020](#) – Reconsider the decision to order 125GL of water from the Wonthaggi desalination plant, as such an order would mean **Victorians miss out on a reduction in water bills** when it is most needed.
- [1 April 2020](#) – Facilitate local government to deliver a **residential rate freeze by local councils** for the 2020-21 financial year, along with immediate rate relief to distressed households.
- [3 April 2020](#) – Negotiate with Transurban and **cancel the quarterly increase in CityLink tolls** to reduce cost pressures on individuals and businesses.
- [6 April 2020](#) – Provide immediate relief to Victorian families by **scrapping the Bin Tax increase**, scheduled for 1 July. Following this, the Victorian Government announced on 22 April it would delay the increase until 1 January 2021.
- [8 April 2020](#) – **Refund campsite fees for the State's Crown land parks and National Parks** to thousands of Victorians who have booked campsites only to find camping off limits during Stage 3 restrictions.
- [1 May 2020](#) – **Protect newly-vulnerable Victorians** from the disconnection of their power supply.
- [21 August 2020](#) – **Extend registrations for vehicles** in Metropolitan Melbourne for the equivalent time of Stage 4 restrictions.
- [26 August 2020](#) – **Suspend the Vacant Residential Land Tax for 2020**. This affects a wide range of people who are unable to find a tenant due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The government belatedly delivered this waiver on 10 September 2020.
- [10 June 2021](#) – **Extend the current \$250 Power Saving Bonus** – itself based on a Liberal Nationals idea – to Victorian casual workers to support them during the fourth lockdown. The Liberal Nationals [reiterated this call](#) for Lockdown 5 on 20 July.

On [15 May 2020](#), The Liberal Nationals launched **Back to Work and Back in Business**, a comprehensive plan for the Victorian Government to adopt to kick-start the post-COVID economy, including measures to assist Victorian businesses. On [1 November 2020](#), [Back to Work and Back in Business](#) was updated following Victoria's second wave of COVID-19.

## INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE

*The Liberal Nationals have called on the Victorian Government to implement the following changes relating to education, child care, license testing, food supplies and consumer affairs.*

- [1 April 2020](#) – Prioritise those who have had their **driving licence tests cancelled** because of the COVID-19 crisis when testing recommences.
- [7 April 2020](#) – **Fund Term 2 fees for kinder programs across Victoria** to help ease the burden on both parents and kinders.  
[7 April 2020](#) – Take full responsibility for ensuring that **all students receive the technological support they need to learn remotely**.
- [22 April 2020](#) – Provide more **support to carers and families of those with special needs** during the COVID-19 pandemic, as gathering restrictions forced the cessation of group support sessions.

- [16 June 2020](#) – Take action on the issue of license testing which has resulted in a **year and a half-long backlog** for people to get their drivers' license.
- [30 June 2020](#) – Ensure that **childcare centres are supported during closure, and affected students are provided with the resources they need**, so they don't miss out on vital learning during this difficult time.
- [2 July 2020](#) – **provide an adequate avenue for Victorian consumers to have their complaints** handled, noting that Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) is responsible for significant parts of the consumer marketplace and the phone lines at CAV have been inoperative since 16 March.
- [21 July 2020](#) – Extend **temporary changes to truck curfews** past 21 September to ensure Victorians can still get quick access to food and medical supplies and there is less risk of panic-buying.
- [24 July 2020](#) – Further clarify the **very strict rules that appear to limit visits by partners to maternity ward mothers** to just 2 hours a day to ensure there is a balance between COVID-19 prevention and the long-term mental and health wellbeing of new parents.
- [28 July 2020](#) – Guarantee it will **not stop businesses in Victoria's food supply chain from doing their critical work** keeping supermarket shelves fully stocked, following the Government flagging that it will consider closing meat processors as part of its pandemic response.
- [7 August 2020](#) – Clarify if **in-home child-minding arrangements are allowed to continue**, for non-permitted workers, if an arrangement is already in place.
- [8 August 2020](#) - **Make family reunification order visits fairer and more flexible** during the COVID crisis, as many parents have been unable to have face-to-face contact with their children since March 2020 due to COVID restrictions.
- [11 August 2020](#) - **Clarify the licence testing arrangements** that will be put into place during Stage 3 and 4 restrictions in Victoria. The Victorian Government has ignored calls for computerised hazard testing to be completed online.

On [26 March 2020](#), the Liberal Nationals published the first version of an **Individual Assistance Fact Sheet**, a document to help Victorians understand what type of financial help was available to them and how they might access it. This document has been updated with the latest news throughout both waves of the pandemic.

## BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

*The Liberal Nationals have called on the Victorian Government to implement the following changes relating to the federal JobKeeper payment, fees and charges for businesses, WorkCover premiums, farm rates, industrial relations, payroll tax concessions and the Business Support Fund.*

- [2 April 2020](#) – **Waive a number of fees** tied to commercial passenger vehicle operators, including taxis.
- [5 April 2020](#) – **Exempt the Federal Government's \$1,500-a-fortnight JobKeeper payments from Victoria's payroll tax.** One month later, on 5 May, the Victorian Government announced it would adopt this Liberal Nationals idea.  
[9 April 2020](#) – Cancel the \$700 million dividend raid from WorkCover and instead **provide relief to distressed businesses.**

- [9 April 2020](#) – **Freeze farm rates** to support farmers struggling with financial pressure caused by both the bushfires and the coronavirus pandemic.
- [17 April 2020](#) – **Waive registration payments** for commercial vehicles grounded as a result of lockdowns.
- [24 April 2020](#) – Make **long service leave more flexible** so that employers and employees can mutually agree to utilise an employee's entitlements.
- [28 April 2020](#) – **Exempt JobKeeper payments from being considered remuneration when calculating WorkCover premiums.** On 5 May, the Victorian Government announced it would adopt this Liberal Nationals idea.
- [30 April 2020](#) – Provide transparency on the **limited number of industry sectors eligible for the Victorian Government's Business Support Fund and expand this support to all industry sectors.** Following this advocacy, the Victorian Government agreed to expand eligibility to all industry sectors.
- [16 June 2020](#) – Provide a clear plan or notice for racing clubs to put in place COVID-safe protocols to allow the **racing industry to get back on track.**
- [1 July 2020](#) – Extend payroll tax concessions following the **Victorian Government's withdrawal of payroll tax concessions** for businesses with payrolls under \$3 million which had expired on 30 June. The only payroll tax relief measure now in place is the ability to defer the amount owing until Q3 2020-21.
- [14 July 2020](#) – Provide better support for struggling small business. The **\$5,000 grant on offer by the Victorian Government falls short** of what Victorian small businesses need to get them through the second round of lockdowns.
- [16 July 2020](#) – Do more to assist struggling business as the unemployment rate **increased in June for the third consecutive month to 7.5 per cent**, up from just 5.2 per cent prior to the pandemic. **Just under 169,000 jobs have been lost since March** in Victoria, with more to come after the reintroduction of restrictions.
- [21 July 2020](#) – Urgently resolve **the ban on seasonal workers crossing into and out of Victoria** which has left Victoria's horticulture sector concerned about the supply of labour.
- [29 July 2020](#) – Work with the South Australia and New South Wales State Government's to **fix the mess at Victoria's borders** and ensure vital goods are able to flow freely across state borders.
- [3 August 2020](#) – Provide more to support affected workers and small business through Stage 4 business restrictions, including **a dedicated hotline for workers and business operators.**
- [5 August 2020](#) - **Provide an exemption from the Government's Stage 4 lockdown rules for critical supply chain businesses** at risk of failure if forced to close. Such an exemption was included in draft rules leaked to the public but removed prior to the closure decision being taken.
- [5 August 2020](#) – **Deliver support to all Victorian businesses hit by Stage 4 restrictions**, including sole traders, before more lives and livelihoods are ruined.
- [5 August 2020](#) – Urgently explain and clarify the Stage 4 restrictions to be imposed on the **property and real estate industry.**
- [5 August 2020](#) – **Ensure all importers can access their containers** during Stage 4 lockdown to prevent good including critical medical supplies, food and PPE from being stuck on dock.



- [6 August 2020](#) – **Guarantee that the supply chain will continue to operate without interruption** during Stage 4 lockdown so that supermarkets will have the goods they need on shelves, not locked in warehouses.
- [13 August 2020](#) – Arrange **permits for the agriculture sector** to streamline interstate access for farmers and the agriculture supply chain at Victoria’s borders with New South Wales and South Australia.
- [15 August 2020](#) – Ensure that Business Support Fund support is made available for **all Victorian small businesses and sole traders impacted by COVID restrictions**.
- [15 August 2020](#) – **Provide funding support for the event industry** hit so hard by the COVID-19 crisis.
- [4 September 2020](#) – Explain and provide the evidence behind the government’s decision **to shut down farmers’ markets** without consultation, then backflip on this decision only hours later.
- [7 September 2020](#) – Provide a clear way forward for the **real estate industry** following the announcement of months of further restrictions.
- [7 September 2020](#) – Support Victorian oil refineries to ensure their ongoing ability to operate and provide **a secure petrol supply for Victoria is not lost due to the impact of COVID restrictions**. On 14 September the Federal Liberal Government’s announced a \$2.5 billion assistance package to help keep Victoria’s oil refineries at Geelong and Altona open.
- [10 September 2020](#) – **Provide a comprehensive business support package** to help businesses keep their door open and staff in a job through the extended second wave restrictions.
- [11 September 2020](#) – Work with industry to **safely increase workforce limits on meat processors and food distribution centres** to ensure the food supply chain can keep up with demand.
- [14 September 2020](#) – **Rethink sole trader grant eligibility criteria** that sees a majority of sole traders neglected without any Victorian Government support.
- [16 September 2020](#) – Provide a plan to **get people back on track at country racing clubs** as regional Victoria moves to the Third Step on the roadmap.
- [21 September 2020](#) – Prioritise urgently **ensuring all sole traders have access to the support they desperately need**, with Business Victoria still not accepting grant applications for the small proportion of sole traders who may be eligible for the Victorian Government’s support package.
- [12 December 2020](#) – Extend tourism vouchers to the Melbourne CBD to help our city businesses recover. In February 2020, the Labor Government adopted this Liberal Nationals idea
- [18 February 2021](#) – Support a motion for a short Upper House inquiry into the assistance that’s needed for the tourism and events sector
- [21 February 2021](#) – Provide **more support to Victorian businesses** hurt by the five-day ‘snap’ lockdown
- [26 March 2021](#) – Urgently plan to **return international students** to Victoria to ensure this priority industry can continue to operate and generate major benefits to our state
- [25 July 2021](#) – Implement **baseline underwriting of insurance** for Victoria’s struggling events industry
- [27 July 2021](#) – Introduce a program of rent relief for small businesses, with land tax discounts for their commercial landlords

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## TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

*The Liberal Nationals have called on the Victorian Government to implement the following transparency and accountability changes.*

- [1 April 2020](#) – **Freeze the salaries of all members of the Victorian Parliament** ahead of the scheduled pay rise for politicians on 1 July 2020.
- [2 April 2020](#) – Establish a **Joint House Committee of the Victorian Parliament** under the leadership of a non-Government MP to ensure oversight of Victoria's response to COVID-19.
- [6 May 2020](#) – Launch an **independent inquiry** into the Government's handling of the state's then-largest COVID-19 cluster at the Cedar Meats abattoir.
- [19 May 2020](#) – Explain the **failure to advise WorkSafe of the potential exposure** of one of its employees while attending Cedar Meats for a safety inspection.
- [20 May 2020](#) – **Rule out spending** the government's additional \$24.5 billion in new debt for COVID related matters **to fill the government bottomless pit of cost overruns** following Labor Minister Jacinta Allan's refusal to rule out that out.
- [3 July 2020](#) – **Resume sittings of Parliament** to ensure that locked down Victorians receive the answers they need about the government failures which have led to the second wave of COVID-19.
- [8 July 2020](#) – Request a **Victoria Police investigation into alleged criminal behaviour** in the management of the Victorian Government's botched hotel quarantine system. [14 July 2020](#) – **Stop dodging questions about its hotel quarantine fiasco** after the publication of leaked emails that showed top bureaucrats warned senior Health officials as early as March that the guards employed were ill-equipped for the work.
- [20 July 2020](#) – Explain reports that Victoria Police have been called in to secure and manage Victoria's quarantine hotels and whether **operational deficiencies in the hotel program have been adequately addressed** since Corrections Victoria took control of the program earlier in July.
- [6 August 2020](#) – Ensure that **criminal investigations into COVID-19-associated deaths** in Victorian workplaces must examine alleged negligence at the hands of Daniel Andrews and his Ministers.
- [13 August 2020](#) – Provide Victorians real answers as to **why Australian Defence Force support was refused**, even when systemic issues were revealed within quarantine hotels.
- [26 August 2020](#) – Explain why an **investigation into the private security companies** contracted to manage Victoria's botched hotel quarantine program has been kept from the public and why it has been so significantly delayed.

- [26 August 2020](#) – **Release the legal advice** upon which new State of Emergency legislation is based.
- [11 September 2020](#) - **Release legal advice to confirm the legality of the current lockdown regime**, including the restrictive Melbourne metropolitan curfew.
- [29 March 2021](#) – **Release the sole briefing document** that purports to contain the health advice used to impose the Stage 4 curfew on Melburnians
- [20 April 2021](#) – Release the documents, requested under Freedom of Information, that relate to **Labor’s botched contact-tracing system** which kept Victorians in lockdown during the second wave
- [29 April 2021](#) – Provide Victorians with certainty about when the **Births Deaths and Marriages call centre and customer services** will once again be operational
- [5 May 2021](#) – **Release the written communication**, first requested a year prior, between the Chief Health Officer, the Premier and his office and the then-Health Minister and her office, that pertain to pandemic management
- [21 June 2021](#) – **Release the secret documents and text messages** between the Premier and his Chief of Staff that relate to the establishment of the failed hotel quarantine program

On [8 August 2020](#) the Liberal Nationals called for the Coate Hotel Quarantine Inquiry to provide Michael O’Brien as Leader of the Opposition the opportunity to appear and present a non-government external voice to ensure every day Victorians have a seat at the Inquiry.

On [12 August 2020](#) the Liberal Nationals members of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee called for Daniel Andrews to re-appear at the Inquiry into the Victorian Government’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic to explain why he lied to the committee, or to give him a chance to correct the record.

On [27 August 2020](#) the Liberal Nationals wrote to Chief Commissioner Patton with a request that all relevant correspondence related to Victoria Police concerns around private security running Daniel Andrews’ botched hotel quarantine program be made available in the public domain.

On [3 September 2020](#) the Liberal Nationals requested the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee of the Victorian Parliament prepare a report on the human rights consequences of the draconian State of Emergency legislation.

On [13 September 2020](#) the Liberal Nationals called for a Royal Commission into Victoria’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On [17 September 2020](#) the Liberal Nationals provided notice in the Legislative Assembly of an intention to move a [no-confidence](#) motion in the Premier.

On [12 April 2021](#) the Liberal Nationals called for an investigation into Unified Security, the company Labor appointed to work in the first iteration of hotel quarantine, after it had its licence renewed at the same time a similar company was stripped of its licence in NSW.

On [4 May 2021](#) the Liberal Nationals criticised the Andrews Labor Government’s decision to spend more (\$12.3 million) on lawyers to defend the government’s conduct to the Coate Inquiry than was spent on the Inquiry itself (\$5.7 million).

## FACT SHEET

On [10 June 2021](#) the Liberal Nationals introduced a Private Member's Bill to make it mandatory for the detailed health advice used to justify public health orders to be tabled in Parliament. The Liberal Nationals [also called on the Attorney-General](#) to table the detailed health advice relied upon by the government to impose restrictions, as had already been ordered by the Legislative Council on numerous occasions.

On [14 June 2021](#) the Liberal Nationals fought to reopen the Public Affairs and Estimates Committee's previous inquiry into Victoria's COVID-19 response to investigate reports of infection control violations by staff, social and educational impacts of lockdown, flaws with exposure sites and QR codes and businesses left without support during more lockdowns. The Labor-controlled committee blocked this move on 30 June.