

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

6.1. COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

COUNCILLOR: Cr Peter McKeown

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I hereby give Notice of my intention to move the following Motion at the Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 30 November 2021:-

"That the CEO lobby Queensland Premier Palaszczuk and The Queensland Government to advise them of the negative effects the impending vaccine mandate will have on many small businesses, employers, employees, and our community as a whole."

BACKGROUND:

From the time of The Queensland Government announcing the restrictions as to venues allowed to be visited only if you are fully vaccinated, I have been contacted from scores of businesses and had many conversations with owners /operators in the Douglas Shire expressing concern about the ability to carry on business when these restrictions come in to force.

This not a discussion on whether you should be vaccinated or not, that should be an individual's choice.

These restrictions will force many small businesses to close their doors or not be able to operate to a satisfactory manner due to lack of workforce. It is not only because some staff do not wish to get vaccinated so therefore will not be allowed in the workplace, but also for the reason that they do not want to be placed in the position of possible confrontation when checking/requesting personal information to enforce the mandate.

Those businesses that have been able to survive these last nineteen months have been waiting with baited breath for the release of the "roadmap" and for a date when we can accept our southern visitors back to our shire, but now have another hurdle to jump, maybe the biggest yet.

There is also conflicting comments on the legal position of employers who restrict employees entering the workplace or dismissing them because of the mandate.

I believe we are about to enter a very interesting period in this Shire.

Thanks for listening.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil