

FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

(Incorporating Fish Hoek, Clovelly and Sun Valley)

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR THE END OF THE STATE OF DISASTER

The Fish Hoek Valley Ratepayers and Residents Association (FHVRRA) strongly requests the end of the State of Disaster initiated on 26 March 2020. While we thank you for ensuring that our hospitals were not overwhelmed with Coronavirus-19 (C19) patients and thus, there were sufficient ventilators for those who really needed them. However, we now need to return to normal living conditions.

The symptoms are getting milder with each variant, as is the normal case with new diseases. Omicron is not nearly as lethal as the original versions. The current number of those vaccinated added to the growing number of naturally immune, will result in even fewer requiring hospitalisations and deaths going forward.

If it truly “is the duty of the government to create a conducive environment that will enable privately-owned businesses – both small and large – to grow and access new markets and hire new employees”¹, then we need to remove the uncertainty that is having a negative economic impact, especially for our tourists. We need to end the State of Disaster now.

We need more jobs. Allowing people to work without lockdown restrictions, will improve the unemployment rate and the long-term investment in the SA economy, along with:

- reliable electricity (allowing the City of Cape Town to purchase electricity directly from IPPs via a suitable Eskom tariff for conveying the electricity);
- allowing municipal and private partnerships with our ports and rail network and
- lowering broadband access fees, but these latter three are a separate subject.

Without forced vaccinations, those that have already been injected voluntarily, are probably as good as it is going to get percentage wise in South Africa.

The anti-vaxxers have had their opportunities to get vaccinated. Now they must be exposed to C19 to build their own natural immunity directly via infection. Contracting this disease is no longer a death sentence. These anti-vaxxers are likely to be the same people that don't want to wear masks in public, keep their social distance, avoid social gatherings or wash / spray their hands anyway.

The number of City of Cape Town events is up, but so are the number of non-compliance letters. We need revenue generating events.

We, the FHVRRA, haven't held a live meeting for over two years due to the expense of obtaining hand sprays and thermometers, which no one seems to record the readings of any more anyway, at least according to our observations.

¹ <https://www.thesouthafrican.com/news/south-africa/sona-ramaphosa-government-does-not-create-jobs-economy-unemployment-breaking-2022/>

We shouldn't be moving towards a draconian, indeed tyrannical, state of forced isolation without warrant of arrest or taking of medical samples without consent as stated in the Government Notice 45855 No. R. 1715 of 1 February 2022. These measures often lead to loss of jobs or valuable school time.

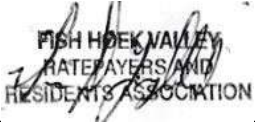
It's as if Minister Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma has seen the effect of power that she wields and is loath to relinquish it.

We don't need further discussions on this topic. We need action.

SUMMARY

In conclusion, the Fish Hoek Valley Ratepayers and Residents Association:

- requests the immediate end of the State of Disaster.

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