

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - VOICES FOR FREEDOM - MARCH 2021

Who founded Voices for Freedom?

Voices for Freedom was founded by three passionate kiwi mums intent on making sure our beautiful country remains a safe and free place for our families and friends.

Between us, we have a ton of skills, knowledge, and enthusiasm that we bring to Voices for Freedom including legal experience, education, online business and marketing, and community development.

Is Voices For Freedom political or connected to any other freedom groups?

We are independent and not allied with any other organisation in New Zealand.

Our supporters represent a diverse cross section of New Zealand society. Being non-political we do not discriminate on the basis of political affiliation.

We built our database independently and continue to experience rapid growth with supporters numbering in their many thousands.

Voices For Freedom maintains a presence on a variety of social media channels as is the usual practice for any organisation.

Is Voices For Freedom a registered entity and will you be transparent about donations received?

We are working with accounting professionals on becoming a registered entity. Like any well run organisation receiving funding we intend to open our books to provide accountability and transparency.

You don't protest like other groups, why not?

We support Kiwis standing up and speaking out; however, we are trying to create something special and different in New Zealand, at least so far as the approach is concerned. Generally, Voices For Freedom will not be involved in protest events.

We are proponents of courageous and respectful conversations and a new kind of strategy that doesn't include traditional protests.

Unless Voices for Freedom, or one of our local coordinators, advises that we have organised a rally or event - assume Voices for Freedom is not involved. Any large scale public events that we do authorise will be detailed on our website so you can check there too.

If someone is wearing a Voices for Freedom t-shirt, are they acting with your authority?

Voices for Freedom T-shirts are available through our online shop.

We cannot take responsibility for the actions of everyone wearing a Voices for Freedom t-shirt, however when someone wears one they may be seen to represent our community.

Voices for Freedom stands for integrity, honour and respect, and we encourage people to respond calmly and respectfully, even when opposed or challenged. If people ask you about Voices for Freedom, you can't go wrong if you stick to the basics, are polite, and refer them to our website.

Anyone behaving aggressively, with violence, or unlawfully does not act with the authority of Voices for Freedom.

Voices for Freedom strongly condemns any and all racism, racial hate-speech, antisemitism, Islamophobia, homophobia or any other divisive, prejudiced or hateful rhetoric. We are welcoming of people from all walks of life, regardless of social, racial and cultural backgrounds, religions, sexuality or political affiliation.

Is Voices For Freedom involved in publication of The Real News?

The Real News is published independently by Full Court Press Ltd. Voices For Freedom has no input whatsoever into this magazine's editorial content and nor have we ever been engaged as an official distributor (as such, distribution of this publication is not an example of direct action driven by our organisation).

What is Voices for Freedom's stance on vaccination?

Voices for Freedom is not anti-vaccines. We value medical freedom and are pro-choice. We champion the right to be free from coercion and from discrimination based on vaccination status.

We advocate for New Zealanders' rights as described within the Health and Disability Commissioner Act and hold the view that consumers' rights are being violated with respect to the COVID-19 vaccine.

Certain sectors of the NZ public are currently experiencing coercion and discrimination and we are concerned consumers are not being accorded the right to be fully informed, make an informed choice and to give informed consent.

What do you say to those that suggest Voices for Freedom is a danger to the public and undermining the public health response?

The science and data underpinning the public health response ought to be robust enough to withstand challenge and questioning.

The public health response needs to focus on the best outcome for all New Zealanders and should examine the whole picture, not COVID-19 disease in isolation.

Where elements of the public health response have the potential to endanger population subgroups physically, emotionally or financially then these risks must be examined in detail and carefully weighed against the proposed benefits.

Decision-making processes should be evidence-based, welcome input from a wide range of experts and not be confined to a limited or biased group. All stakeholders should be party to this decision-making.

What, in particular, do you consider is lacking with the public health response?

Right now our health authorities are actively ignoring the science surrounding proactive measures such as addressing vitamin D deficiency, especially in the higher risk groups. By ignoring the evidence, the government could well be endangering the very people they purport to be seeking to protect via other measures.

There is a dearth of balanced reporting on the topic of COVID-19 and the path by which people can step away from fear and into empowerment. Little to no information is provided on the measures people can take to improve their own immunity.

Ensuring the public are well informed on their rights and the science-based actions they can take to improve their personal health is a role that Voices for Freedom will adopt with vigour.

Voices For Freedom has engaged - and will continue to engage - with public health authorities over their response to Covid-19.

What are your concerns around the approval process for the Pfizer Vaccine?

We have reservations about Section 23 of the Medicines Act being used as a basis for a mass medication of any type, and particularly for it being relied upon to medicate the “team of five million” whilst clinical trials are ongoing and important questions (asked by Medsafe of Pfizer) remain outstanding.

Under section 23(1) the Minister may give “provisional consent” to the use of a new medicine where he is of the opinion that it is desirable that the medicine be sold, supplied or used on a restricted basis for the treatment of a limited number of patients. Voices for Freedom believes the Ministry of Health is operating outside of these parameters with the plan to use the rushed, experimental “medicine” on the entire population.

There has been a lot of disinformation and misinformation spread about you in the media. Why don't you sue?

We are aware of a number of false allegations having been made against us in various forums. At this time we are focused on building this movement and legal action would be an unnecessary distraction. However, being that two of our founders are legally trained, rest assured that we are taking note of defamatory statements being made and will take action should we consider it appropriate.