

Club Grubbery - Raw transcript of interview:

2024-10-24 - Graham and John speak to the mother who lost her child and the appointment of Andrews...

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everyone and welcome back to Club Grubbery and, uh, this show you'll be watching on, uh, Thursday night, the 23rd of October and, uh, John, we're going to get straight into this one. How are you, mate? Yeah, it's, uh, it's going to be a challenge. This one, isn't it? It's going to be another challenge because we're interviewing tonight.

A wonderful lady who's been a colleague of mine at a former employer. I won't mention their name. Uh, they've been in a bit of hot water lately, but anyhow, we won't go there. Um, and Sherman, um, great to see you back on Club Grubbery. Uh, but under sad circumstances, because the last time we spoke to you, you were talking about.

Um, the passing of your beautiful son Louie, uh, at his own hand and, uh, you talked about the trauma of that and what, uh, you felt were the, uh, major causes of all this stuff going down. And you've been active, very active in the space of, uh, youth suicide ever since. And uh, the last time we interviewed you, it touched a great many hearts and we really want to thank you for having the courage to come back on again.

Well, thank you very much for having me back both of you.

It's a pleasure to have you on, darling. And, and the one thing, the one reason we're getting you back on is because an astounding situation has risen in Victoria with former Premier, if you can call him that, Daniel Andrews, being appointed to run Origin Mental Healthcare, um, and those initiatives around that.

Now, it's pretty hard to see that, uh, you know, when you look at this situation, the way it is. You get some dictatorial Marxist to come in and create a horrible situation and then you pay him large sums of money to fix the damage that he himself has done. And I, I don't, I don't pull back from that, um, that comment at all.

I think Daniel Andrews has got a lot of blood on his hands. Uh, without any doubt, I know personally, uh, because I too have, um, I know of people in Victoria who are very close to me who, a couple who've lost, uh, two sons in the same situation as yours and for the same reasons. So thanks for coming on, Ange.

And um, before, I will share screen a bit later on, but tell us what you're doing now with all of this and what happened to you the day you found out recently that Daniel Andrews was involved in this thing.

Okay. Bye. Before I say that, can, can I also with you just acknowledge, I'm so grateful to have this platform to speak to you and for others to hear that, so I want to acknowledge even just the statistics of last year, three hundred and three thousand six hundred and fifty two suicides.

So I want to acknowledge everybody else who's in the same circumstance. And hopefully can be a little bit of a voice for them, um, while they go through their existential grief. I don't want this just to be about me, hence why I'm speaking out. So, last time when we spoke, we spoke about, uh, lockdown being a fundamental push factor that I believe was the cause, um, of Louis suiciding.

And whilst he was the ground zero, first lockdown. We know, talking before, that the statistic, that the, this just kept happening, and since speaking to you, I think my grief club was at six, my grief club is now at nine, and just last week, again, is growing, just in our regional area. So whilst we are doing as much as we can, um, the effects of this pandemic is, it's a slow burn.

So I found out last Friday. When I was on a bus in Darwin, I was, uh, working, I was on the free bus in Darwin and the news flicked up, the news flash flicked up on my phone that Daniel Andrews had been appointed to Origin. Um, Youth Suicide Prevention Mental Health, uh, Institute, and I nearly fell over. I froze.

I was so angry. My, my whole physical reaction to that was just terrifying. I walked around in a daze. For quite a long time and then I got really angry and I went and sat quietly and started to pen a petition because whilst half of me wants to believe when we make petitions and we shout out from the rooftops that it will make a difference in that political environment my heart is really sad because of the type of politician that he is and the hold and the tentacles that he does have and the agenda.

So, let's, let's hope it gets somewhere, but, uh, another part of me thinks Origin have chosen him as the chair, and that is that, especially when Patrick McGorry the now executive director. It's not Professor McGorry doing clinical work anymore. He's the executive director in charge of funding for oxygen.

So that puts an entirely different perspective on his, his, um, contribution. Let's say, I think, um, when he went on 3OW and spoke so very flippantly, I thought he glossed over the suicide statistics rising, which he's quoted as saying had done by 48 percent last year, he said they have somewhat increased as a parent losing a child to suicide.

But the words somewhat increased from a bureaucrat, an executive leader. Of an important institution that claims to be leading in mental health for youth just left a really bad taste in my mouth. It's subtle wording, isn't it? But I just thought, where's the empathy? Like, am I just somewhat of an increase in a statistic?

Because of policies made by your now appointed chairman. And way back when he was questioned at a presser, Daniel Andrews in 2020, directly, uh, he said, no, no, the suicide statistics haven't increased, but the Australian Institute of Wellbeing, who provides us the, uh, suicide statistics, says that the statistics lag by 18 months.

So of course he may very well have been right at that time, three, four, five months into the pandemic. The statistics don't lie. Patrick McGorry has quoted them as having risen. Professors in his own institution, that of origin, um, uh, you can listen to podcasts that they make with the International Suicide Prevention Association talking about lockdown being a factor globally.

I want to. I understand suicide's complex. I understand there are many factors. I'm not suggesting for a minute that lockdown was the only cause for Louis. As I said to you before, it's the push factor, the catalyst, the major reason, and it will be for other families. And whilst you don't have access to coronial reports because of privacy, I can guarantee you the wording.

In my coroner's report, the coroner said, um, so that. The lockdowns were a push factor for Louis, and so if it's in my report, it'll be in lots of others. There's um, a youth council attached to my council down in Geelong, and last year, the kids, none of them I know, um, they, they're elected for a year period.

They wrote a little, um, what matters to them pamphlet to present to the council at the beginning of the year in the April of 2023. And they say that, uh, mental health ramifications as a result of the pandemic were 50, I think it's 57 percent to bring up the stats of the worry for the kids they surveyed.

And they have a quote there that says we're sick of losing our friends to suicide. And lockdowns and isolation are a major factor and we need to have youth services when they go on and they talk about it. And that's them. That's totally separate from me. That's a bunch of kids that are 18 years old now.

So they were a little bit younger through the pandemic than what, than what Lou would be. Lou would be 21 now. Last year they were 18. So they a little bit younger, but they, they say those things. So. Patrick McGorry's own professors are saying lockdown was a push factor. Kids all around are still talking about lockdown is a push factor.

Coroner reports say lockdowns are a push factor. And the very man who implemented the worst lockdowns in the world, longest lockdowns in the world, is instated to the very institution that's meant to take care of people. and nurture and support our youth. And on top of that, on their website, it says, the key to well being is connection, social connection, outdoor activity, physical activity.

And the very person who took that away has become the chairman.

It's like having the commandant of Auschwitz in charge of welfare, isn't it?

I wasn't going to be so severe. My, I wanted to use that as my metaphor, but I feel like they have given the keys to the fire station, to the arsonist. He's gone in and lit the fires and then he's the water supply off. So if you. I think it's more sinister than that.

And it's, I don't want to come across as a bitter, um, it's all about me, poor mean mum. I, I, you delve into the detail. Daniel Andrews is, has been embedded in Oxygen, since at least 2019. Their, their funding model, model, runs on social impact bonds, which is a concept that, that came to fruition through the WEF.

So it suits his politics, left socialist politics. What happens, you have not so much donors as you do have investors. They meet metrics. Now, in order to meet metrics, you need to have a market. So to sound so crass. Is it too, is it too ridiculous to suggest it's as simple as if you build it, they will come?

Um, I And then is it as simple as the man was so detrimental to our state, is this his way of trying to be a Julia Gillard at Beyond Blue, which he could never be, or a Jeff Kennett at Beyond Blue, which he could never be. And Sally, so like, get back his reputation. I, um. Tell us what we're looking at

there,

Ange.

So this is a page, if you, if you can push it up, you can see his photo down the bottom. This is a page from the. Um, 2019 2020 financial, um, annual report from origin and Daniel Andrews is in the photo down the bottom in between, I guess, or you look at this, there's the photos.

That's good.

And look who's down in the middle, way back in 2019.

So, I think it's an embedded decision. Um, I, I have questions. I'd like to know who else was interviewed for the position. Sure, there's extremely qualified, um, experts in funding, experts in modelling, experts in policy that could have been considered besides, um,

So can you hold that picture up again?

It's the sort of photo, John, you would put on the mantelpiece of your home to keep your kids away from the fire, isn't it? Who are the two ladies there with him, Anne?

Uh, sorry.

The W. E. F.?

Yeah, one's the Chair of the Global Mental Health Committee. Program because this was the instigation, that's what Origin is. As it is. It's a global program. So they're both attached to the World Economic Forum and all the ideas that we need to approach this from a global perspective, which is backed up by the Lancet Psychiatry report that Patrick McGuire quoted at the beginning of the year saying, we are in a global crisis.

These are, these are all political narratives as well, you've gotta remember, but we are, we are. Um. At highest statistic levels of suicide, and I do believe due to the pandemic and with our youth and social media, and there

are other factors, but I just, I don't understand without an agenda why you would appoint someone who is so polarizing in the Victorian community, if not the nation.

So I have to look to other areas to find the reasons as to why he would be the choice. Does that make sense? Because you can't just go, he's a great guy. He's so fantastic. I mean, the state's in incredible debt. We've got this basket case of a building policy. We've got all of these issues in health that he, he tries to profess, you know, you're so, so great at, and then you go and appoint him to, and it was, it is groundbreaking in terms of its, um, attachment to all the global institutions.

Oxygen does an incredible work at ground level. I quoted them and said, They're, they're snap, they're digital services and their peer support services when we talked last time. They're great. And there's, you know, they're in Melbourne, they're attached to the side of Melbourne Uni, but it, but it's the devil in the detail and, and the things that happen behind.

And then, and if you look at, you know, Those pictures are from the 2019 20 financial report, funding was cut to mental health just before that, then we had an inquiry, then we had a Royal Commission, and out of the Royal Commission, we set up, he set up policies around mental health. And they very much suit this metric, meet the metric kind of model with these social impact bonds, if that makes sense.

So.

There's a rat in a cheese factory. So we're talking origin or oxygen mentioned two different

origin. So it's spelled O R Y G E N. I don't want to defame the, the, the, the institution and, um, the professors, if you listen to them speak on other podcasts, they're so knowledgeable and they're so passionate and they're so incredible.

I guess it's like in, in our job hoodie, there was, there's us, the people. On the cold face, and then there's the executive decisions, and I just don't see any level of empathy in that man. I'm not, he doesn't have to be a medical professional or a psychiatrist or have any level of allied help to be a chairman.

Any institution, I get that, but would you not think when you're dealing with the most precarious souls in your community, the most vulnerable, that you wouldn't put the teacher who used to whip them with the, With the, uh, the bat in charge of the remedial maths class and think that kids aren't going to be traumatized.

Look, it just, it just beggars belief that this has even happened, John. Um, Daniel Andrews, I think throughout the whole pandemic was one of the most hated, uh, political figures, you know, alongside Jacinda Ardern and, um, and, and Trudeau in Canada. Yeah, this is the man who took Victoria to the Belt and Roads Initiative in China, signed Victoria up without any consultation with the Australian government, who then had to come in and, and, um, and destroy that agreement between him and Xi Jinping.

Um, you know, this, this is a guy who is, um, has, has such a record, has such a history that this cannot be denied. I, I cannot believe that an organization like Origin Would not see how triggering this is to a lot of people. He was the straw that broke the camel's back is what you're trying to say. And, uh, in your preliminary, that's true.

It was true in two other cases that I know of that were horrendous. Daniel Andrews name was on the suicide notes.

Yeah, it's. And if you go through, even just the, if you look at it at a sort of a 24, seven news cycle, basic level, the comments, um, Of any social media that have blown up going, Oh my God, what's this guy doing heading, uh, this institution, the comments, if you go through them, there's the usual barrage of vitriol, but there's also people who directly say, yes, that was a factor.

Lockdown was a factor. I lost my brother. I lost my son. I lost my daughter. I lost my this because of lockdown. And, um, perhaps, perhaps he he's. It suited his family, perhaps. I don't want to bring them into it. Perhaps it didn't, didn't matter. I would like to ask, show me the statistics of youth that died from COVID against, show me the statistics in the same time frame of youth that died from suicide.

And I can guarantee you, there won't be, there won't be a comparable rate. I doubt very much. I don't know. You probably know the statistics around the COVID statistics more than I do, but that certainly will be nowhere near. What we're seeing now and the methodology, the way, the way they, um, show the statistics and the Australian Institute of Wellbeing says the lag is because it's about the date of report, not the date of the death.

And then there are some statistics that they never get, especially in relation to youth because they're confidential in the coroner's court. So to the, to the. Professor McGorry to go on 3OW the other day and minimize it and say somewhat of an increase. Anyone, anyone can, I don't know if you studied statistics at uni, but when you're presenting a report you can put a narrative around statistics however you like.

So I think, as I said before, the devil's in the detail and it just, it's just maddening, which is why I started the petition. I think it's up to seven, 7, 800 signatures now. Um, I would, after that petition, like to take a petition to Parliament, but then you're lobbying the Governor General Dessau in Victoria, who's, who's, um, has a relationship with Daniel Andrews.

So without defaming anyone, I just want to put that out there. What do you do? But you've got to go through the process and you, you've, um. I said when, at Louie's funeral that once I've been through my difficult grieving period that I would stand up on the rooftops and shout for all the kids. And I know they're still suffering because we had a fundraiser, not last weekend, the weekend before, for what should have been Louie's 21st birthday.

We couldn't have that. So we wanted to make a sad situation into a positive one, if you, if there could even be, if that could be so. And we had, We was in a band, so we had a band night at the Bowen Heads Pub. Everybody came, over 300 people. We had prizes, we, all the bands played. If I didn't, I spoke to everybody at, at that function.

Some were strangers. Uh, everybody said, all the kids, thank you for doing this. We needed this. Oh my God. Um, we're all struggling. Because we're such a regional, small community. There's many more than just Louie and whilst I'm in my grief club, we vow never to talk about each other's lived experiences, only our own.

I can say that everybody knows each other. Everybody knew each other. Everybody's impacted by this. Um, there was a leadership group who wrote about the COVID. 2020 suicides in Geelong. Um, and I wrote the forward for that, a leadership group. Um, I try to educate myself as much as I can with the facts and the statistics.

And so when I listened to the podcast and I hear people, professional, clinicians referring to the lockdown affecting, um, the suicide rates, not in all countries and not in all places, but they do acknowledge in some places and that, that COVID lockdown was a factor, like we have to be transparent. Um, and then I, and then I kept coming back to it.

This, this person is now holding a really responsible, significant Uh, position for the most vulnerable people in our community, and it doesn't make any sense to me. It's just, it's bad taste in your mouth. Read the room, really. Read the room.

Well, that's what he's never been able to do. I was just going to put to John Menendez, um, John, some of the most horrendous press conferences we saw came out of Daniel Andrews in Victoria during those lockdowns too.

The abject disdain he felt for anyone who disagreed with him. Um, how the man slept at night is beyond me. I mean, you have to be a psychopath to be able to. behave the way that he did, um, and capitalise on it. Now we know that there was a lot of talk back not too long ago that Daniel Andrews was, um, in fact told by his, uh,

political pundits that he needed to go hard and get everyone as afraid as possible, and then he had to come down. In order to be seen as the hero that saved the day.

That wasn't a health response from Daniel Andrews. That was a reelection strategy. And the same playbook was used amongst the labor premiers, uh, McGowan, uh, Palaszczuk, go out, put the fear of God into everybody, and then really go hard. And you'll be seen as a hero and you'll be reelected. Yeah. I think Peter Credlin talked about that on his show.

I know she's a mate of yours, Ang. She talked about, uh, about that. She had the evidence to prove that that was the strategy. And now we're seeing the consequences. And as all of these amazing human beings, like McGowan and Palaszczuk, Andrews, They all go on to these incredible new positions. Uh, the idiot who ran the Northern Territory, you know, I mean, the gunner, um, and Berrajiglian.

I mean, for goodness sake, these people are elevated, and we see Jacinda Ardern recently given the equivalent to a knighthood, a dameship, uh, for her services to New Zealand during the pandemic. Um, these people are psychopaths, they're sociopaths at the very least. And here we are lording them and giving them these jobs.

I, I, um, have a, a bit of an elephant memory and I think I would love somebody to prove me wrong and I haven't had time to go through every single one of them, but I remember Daniel Andrews saying at one of his press conferences, mental health, we'll worry about that later.

I remember that too.

So the cynical side of me says, Oh, what?

Like, or marrying all of this up. Oh, what, what do you know that we don't know? Or you just don't care? Well, we know because if you remember from the previous chat that we had, we had a, an exemption for the funeral to have pods of 10 kids. And that was from the federal choir. And then Lisa Neville. at the time quashed it.

And I think I said back then, I, I, I want to give some leeway and say, I kind of understand that because there was the four police officers that were killed by the truck driver when PC drove his Porsche down the road and they couldn't have a funeral. My heart as an ex copper, um, bled for them as well. I just, I just found it all disgusting.

And then when that was when I went on to. Peter Credlin's show after the little boy down in the country couldn't have his funeral because, um, Daniel Andrews said, said you can't have a funeral. And we put our funeral off a month. That's pretty difficult. Um, if you, if you really, you don't want to get into the detail about what that means, but we put it off a month so that we could have 30 people at our funeral just because I needed the kids to have closure.

I needed them to be safe. I needed to know that they would. Going to be another statistic of the, the evidence that says people, people around people who have suicided are very vulnerable for five years. And I'm like, oh my God, we don't know how long this pandemic is going on for, and these kids need closure.

So all that runs through my head and comes back up as a trauma response, I suppose, when I heard that Daniel Andrews was appointed to this position, and I'm just one mum, one voice with one petition. But I can't sit back and not say anything.

What salary is he going to be on?

Seventy. That isn't even, I don't even kind of think of that, but it's 70k for the chairman.

70k.

Yeah. But it's more about the fact that he's got anything to do with, I don't know, it's like you said, how do you, how do you respect somebody or how can he stand there? And participate in policymaking and, and sit around with a board of people and discuss mental health and trauma and how we're going to raise money for that and all the rest.

It's, it's tokenistic. It's so, there's no empathy there. I think the only empathy I, I think Daniel Andrews has ever shown is when he illegally drove his damaged car. With his two kids in it, with a 15 year old boy lying on the ground after their car had hit him with a bike and he drove his kids home from the crime scene saying I have to take my kids home, they're traumatised.

So he's got empathy when it suits him.

Well, look, I think firstly, you probably have to set the record straight from the other day. I think I said that he was on 1.4 million for his, uh, for his role over the two years. Um, I was of the understanding that he was taking on the, uh, CEO's role, but he's obviously just on the 7,000 chairman, uh, chairman Dan, uh, pack, but look, uh, these people are opportunists and they're opportunistic.

There's, there's no question about that, but, but they've got to be, they've got to be sponsored by these organizations. They've got to be asked, I mean, what are they thinking? I mean, it's not just, it's not just Origin. I mean, Vizzey of all people have contracted this grub. Uh, it, it really is, uh, beyond belief.

Wouldn't you think the board of Origin would have had a discussion about who would be best suited to take on the incoming chairman's role? I mean, there's just no way in the world that you would even consider him as somebody. I mean, he's no Steve Waugh, is he? I mean, this bloke. You wouldn't go near him with a barge

pole.

Well,

maybe he

knew about this when he says mental health will worry about it later. Maybe he knew he was gonna be on the board or that chance. Well, well that's, that's possible.

I mean, how do we know? I mean, but it's not, it's not really about the money, is it? It's about the message that it sends. Um, and it's the same with Brad Hazard.

I mean, here we've got. An organization in New South Wales and Darwin, CareFlight, uh, you know, a very highly regarded and respected, um, aviation medical provider. And, I mean, Brad Hazard, as a Minister for Health, had given CareFlight numerous contracts. Numerous massive amounts of funding as the health minister.

This is no different to Dan Andrews. Uh, and then he finds himself as a paid chairman of care flight. Now it's not in the same, uh, bad sense that this one is with, with Andrews. I mean, cause that just. That just reeks from every orifice. I mean, it's just dreadful. I, I don't know what McGorry and these people are thinking down there about appointing him.

I mean, it's just should be untenable. It shouldn't have even been, uh, spoken about. But I don't know how these people end up being tapped on the shoulder. I mean, why are Izzy tapping this bloke on the shoulder? I mean, he, he, he's a buffoon. Uh, he, he's demonstrated that he, he's got no, uh, qualities, uh, that, that would rate, uh, in, in our opinion.

I mean, he's no Adrian McRae, that's for sure. Uh, so why are we tapping this bloke on the shoulder? Why are we giving them opportunities? I mean, they, they should be. The benchmark, uh, you know, to me, the chairman of

that sort of organization should be somebody of the caliber of a Steve Waugh. Uh, that, that just oozes mental toughness and empathy and, uh, you know, can establish rapport.

With people that need, need help. Uh, you need someone to look up to, uh, they've got to be ambassadors for, for everything that's good about, um, helping people in vulnerable situations and preventing them prevention strategies, uh, making sure that, that the Louie's of the world aren't pushed to that point where they do the unthinkable.

Um, I'd even go so far as I I'd, I'd be. I know he's a political behemoth. I'd even be prepared to debate him over this very issue. I really would be prepared to sit one by one, sit beside him and it, it would be a forum like anything is when you go up against an incumbent, they have all the statistics, they've got all the background information, boilerplate platitudes, but I'd so, so I love the opportunity to have a one on one and ask the why and get down into the nitty gritty and it's not lost on me that the Royal Commission came at the same time as he's in the annual report and then lo and behold, The policies feed the metrics.

You know what I

mean?

Surely, I mean, as if it had ever happened, he would never come along and talk to little old me, but I'm not afraid of that. I would love that opportunity.

He doesn't have the courage.

I, um, I almost wish for the day when he walks through my office.

I'd like to be a fly on the wall when that happens and, uh, and, uh, I don't know what else we can, what else we can say this, this does would not pass the pub test in Richmond or Brunswick or anywhere around Melbourne, um, that would not pass the pub test. And it shows the, um, the, uh, the corporate inadequacy of the group that would hire him, uh, that, that board that they, I mean, like the board of Qantas, they need to, um, should all be sacked.

They should all be sacked. I mean, it just, it just smacks of nepotism and, uh, patriotism, patriotism, patriotism. I'd like to know

who else was considered if there was a genuine kind of tendering for candidacy or whether it was just, we're going to put this guy up, board vote. Do you know what I mean? Were there any other candidates and if there were, why did you not choose them?

And if there weren't, why was he the only choice? Why was he the only option?

That's right. And if it's not about, um, The financing model and what's it about because it's certainly isn't about his ability to have empathy Or is it even just political? Is it just this is about him saving face?

I think that's another question here You know, look, I mean There's no doubt that these organizations do wonderful work But are they a vehicle for something else?

That's got to be the question. I mean, the financials of these organizations need to be looked at in detail because I mean, the thing that worries me and I'm not suggesting it's the case here, but we know it is with other organizations that a lot of the money comes in and a lot of it's state and federal grants.

Let's be honest. I mean, it's our money. I mean, it's hidden under the skies of DFAT and all these other things, but it's, it's our state and federal money. How much of that is actually reaching the cold face in programs, uh,



supporting preventative measures? I mean, where is it going? I mean, are we just paying a whole heap of fat cats?

Uh, is it being taken up in administration? I mean, like, like organizations like the Red Cross. You know, very little of the money that gets donated actually ends up out on the streets. Um, and that's what really frustrates me with these organizations. Uh, they, they are just self serving a lot of them and they just, you know, they do do good.

I'm not suggesting they don't, but you know, I think sometimes the modeling of what goes on really needs to be looked

at. I'm surprised he hasn't been offered a position on the board of Qantas. You know, it just, it just, um, it's mind blowing. Uh, it's not yours an I, you know. Yeah, .

It's okay.

Um, but, you know, the, the, this is the, uh, corporate expediency that goes on in these circles is, uh, definitely is something that needs to be looked at in under a microscope.

There's no doubt about it. And I think, um, uh, that I hope that the statue of, uh, Daniel Andrews, when it's erected, wherever it is. Um, well, I don't hope it, I'm sure it'll have a 24 hour guard on it because it's not a statute that's going to be treated with any kind of reverence. And I even think that is a, that is a sickening response to a person who I believe is a psychopath.

I believe he is. He has no empathy. He's a very, he's a sociopath at the very least. And we have these people running our organizations. And, uh, Dr. Jerry Brady says every time you set up an organization, it eventually becomes a cult and it invites psychopaths to come in and destroy it. And that's clearly what happens, what's happened in Victoria and other states.

swanning around protecting all their mates. You couldn't make this stuff up. You're very tired, Ange. I know that you've been working. I know what it's like to get back from a long trip and you've had a long drive. And, um, is there anything else you'd like to say before we close?

Please sign my petition on change.

org. Every voice helps. Um,

keep asking the questions. Thank you for having me on. I hope, I hope I've come across, uh, as a concerned citizen and a concerned mother and not a. Uh, bitter, grieving, um, person who just wants to take Daniel Andrews down, if you know what I mean. I hope that the information I've imparted, uh, makes a difference and

you've been eloquent and gracious.

And I really want to hold space for everyone who's where I'm at an existential shattering and I don't want anyone else to be in this position. So, thank you. It's a complex issue, suicide, and we have to tackle it from all angles, so I will continue to do my little part, and um, that's all I've got to say about that.

I think we need to say, make one thing very clear that, and we're hearing this from so many people in so many different, uh, fronts on this battle that we're in, that, um, an apology can go a long way towards healing people, the vaccine injured, uh, screaming for an apology, the, the, uh, people with, um, With, um, contaminated bloods who've been fighting this for 30 years deserve and demand an apology.

And if, if the welfare of all the victims of government malfeasance and, uh, medical and tyranny in other forms, uh, could just own up, tell the truth and say, we got it wrong. And we are deeply, deeply sorry for our mistake. That would go a long way to proving that they really cared about the people who put them into these jobs.

Uh, I'm surprised Daniel Andrews isn't running opera now, John.

Well, I mean, give it time. Uh, I mean, he's the perfect person to be appointed to it. I mean, he's got all the, uh, hallmarks to make a very good opera boss. Um, he wouldn't put it beyond them. I mean, I just, I don't know. Look, the only thing I can say in closing is, look, I just hope the board of these organisations, whether it be Vizzy, uh, or whether it be, uh, Origin and anyone else that, uh, um, thinks that Daniel Andrews is, is somebody worthy of, uh, uh, recognition.

Of, uh, having, uh, associated with your business, uh, uh, you know, really, I mean, think twice, uh, I mean, you know, these people have had their opportunity and in my opinion, he's squandered it, uh, and he's not somebody that I'd be wanting to, uh, promote with my business. Um, and especially when the business entails, uh, saving the lives of, uh, of youth, uh, it's in very, very bad taste.

We've said it, uh, often on this program that, uh, when an organization, a government or whatever, or an individual, um, is coercing, bullying, or bribing you to do something against your will, you can automatically assume that they're not acting in your best interest. And the Board of Origin needs to sit down and ask, is Daniel Andrews, did he act in the best interest of the people of Victoria when he did what he did?

And it, can he possibly act in the best interest of those he's, um, he should be serving in this particular role that he's been appointed. And the clear answer is a dead set. No, the best way to determine whether somebody is acting in your best interest is whether they're doing it out of love for you and your, and their community.

Daniel Andrews in the last many years has not demonstrated that once.

Oh, we don't get it. We don't get a do over. We don't get a do over. Louie can't come back. The other kids can't come back. So why should Daniel Andrews get a do over?

Let me call Klaas with a prayer if you're happy. Lord Father in heaven, as we contemplate the horror of the lives of so many people, we're talking about infected bloods, we're talking about the pelvic mesh victims, the victims of thalidomide, the vaccine injured, and those who have suffered incredible emotional loss as a result of suicides through draconian government action, Lord, they deserve to have a platform.

They deserve to stand in the light of your truth. And they deserve an apology at the very least, and they deserve to see some form of accountability. So, Father, strengthen us all as we confront these issues for those involved. And please, Father, help us to put the politics aside and live in compassion for the victims, the lost, and those who are still surviving this mess that we're in.

Lord, I pray for Louis and his family. And I pray for all of those other families who are grieving the loss of young people so near and dear to them. God and lead us through this grief process as a community, as a family, and most of all as a nation. We pray in Jesus holy name. Amen.

Amen.

You off to me now to say, Johnny?

You just couldn't make this stuff up.

Stay under the trees, everyone. Bye for now. Thanks for coming on, Ange.

Whoa.

