

LESSONS OF HISTORY FOR PANDEMIC PLANNERS

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1) What experiences of the past are reflected in my thinking today?

More than 30 years working in and out of emergency management including response, recovery and planning

Involved since SARS (2003) or one long 'plandemic'

Prepare using the 1918-19 pandemic historical records as case studies

Courtesy of Nick from Nearing Zero (NZ)
<http://www.nearingzero.net/250dpi/nz355.jpg>

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Plandemic, n.

An uncontrolled outbreak of planning triggered by identification of plausible new ways to die.

Main symptoms: desire to hold press-conferences, followed by either mass inoculation or compulsive stockpiling.

The best way to avoid being embroiled in a plandemic is to stand aside and graciously permit more worried people to do the work.

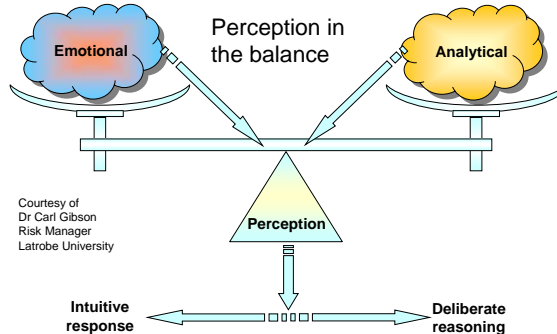
2 What past pandemic experiences are likely to repeat themselves and which are not?

Likely to be repeated

panic and fear leading to the breakdown of civil order
accept emotional rather than rational messages (Dr Carl Gibson)

Not likely to be repeated

ship quarantine & therefore slower spread
community resilience
e.g. 2003 ACT bushfires, a case study



3 What issues of the past are to be watched for in today's preparation and response?

Leadership from all three spheres of Australian government in **partnership** with industry and community sectors

Preparing the general **public** for all hazards
by building individual and community resilience and disaster preparedness - New Zealand does – why not Australia?

Communicate how to prepare and what to do if...?
need for clear, consistent messages

Critical infrastructure is more than **physical** assets or lifelines
please don't forget critical **social** infrastructure too

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