Dear…….,

I refer to your email and whilst I recognise that there are State Government directions with regard to asymptomatic testing, I would like to bring to your attention that the State Directives are in complete contradiction to the National Recommendations made by the Public Health Laboratory Network, that asymptomatic surveillance testing leads to false positive outcomes. These are the experts in the field and as we are also subject to a national emergency, the national requirements take precedence.

I therefore choose not to get tested knowing the serious risks with false positive outcomes. The RT-PCR testing should not be used negligently for this purpose as it will not serve to provide correct data.

I also have the right to deny any other testing, not been approved by the TGA. The saliva testing is still experimental and you would require my informed consent to participate in experimental testing. The same issues would also apply in relation to me having no symptoms.

I am happy to have a medical examination with regard to verifying that I have no symptoms. However, I will not participate in a test that is likely to produce false positives according to Government experts.

I enclose for your reference the PHLN statement on their advice against [asymptomatic testing](https://apac01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2F77e67117-0981-4389-a0e1-cc4715979191.filesusr.com%2Fugd%2F44a880_87c5adbacb634eca97cea11476f075f0.pdf&data=04%7C01%7C%7C8be40c34284f40da1fd508d94f111a6b%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637627757149681396%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Bt%2FTXQ1LKXYQ6UJ5NDQ4Uo6mNr68lbY0RLMax1OcAio%3D&reserved=0). This is inconsistent with the directives from the Victorian Government and inconsistent with the fact that the Chief Health Officers in each state and territory are part of the National Committees.

I also cite directly from the PHLN Statement:

“PHLN raises concerns that Victoria’s introduction of mandatory of pre-operative testing for elective surgery patients will significantly impact on both laboratory capacity and patient flow through the hospital system. PHLN recommends a strong National stance against this testing strategy and similar asymptomatic screening for SARS-CoV-2.”

It is evident that the PHLN does not support asymptomatic testing for pre-elective surgery or other surveillance type situations for asymptomatic individuals.

You do not have the right to impose on me any consequences that are negative, given that I have provided you an alternative to examine my symptoms, and secondly, that I have produced Government advice that goes against the practice of asymptomatic surveillance testing.

We reiterate that employees absolutely have the capacity to fulfil their duties without RT-PCR testing.

I look forward to your response by email.

Yours faithfully,

[YOUR NAME]