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I don't need to tell you that the past two years have been very challenging and I acknowledge, that you have carried a large burden in that process.

While my flying has, like many others been curtailed or limited, I have nonetheless been very busy in welfare.

I have been conducting dozens of zoom groups for people from all walks of life including many QANTAS people. I have lived in their abject despair and seen them going downhill.

I have endeavoured to provide hope and leadership to as many who have been in touch with me and it's not been easy.

The latest announcements on mandatory vaccinations coupled with the CEO's comments regarding a choice not to jab being a choice to quit aviation, were less than helpful. Morale plummeted for these people and the stress they are now subjected to is deadly in my humble opinion.

While I understand our collective desire to return in full strength to the skies we love, I fear that mandating an untested vaccination is a bridge too far.

I myself was ready to get Pfizer when an airport clinic was open. I felt duty bound, as you would expect of any pilot, to do my due diligence and obtain the required trusted information to give informed consent.

I was unable to find anything that could be relied upon. Much of what I needed was kept secret from me. The first fail in my quest to find the proper information, was to look at side effects. I found that short term side effects were still being correlated from those who have already been vaccinated and the long term effects were as yet unknown. The test failed there, and I found that, as of this time I could not give an informed consent.

I thought to ask QANTAS the question it must have been asked by many of it's people. Can you guarantee the safety of the chemical you are mandating me to have in order to continue my career?

Then I realised that you could not because you just don't know either.

The absurdity of this rushed decision is causing many to make a choice between two evils about careers v life in a time when other worldly chaos reigns supreme.

That many are feeling the same way is telling and it needs to be understood.

I realise that the viral nature of my video puts us both in an awkward position.

As it stands now I am on stress leave because I too am stressed. The rhetoric amongst crews on this vexing issue has severely divided many and discipline is required to maintain a sterile working environment.. This is becoming increasingly difficult.

As the vaccine deadline fast approaches and as I am convinced that an MRNA vaccine is not for me based on the available data ,I feel compelled to make a decision in **PROTEST of the proposed mandate.**

As such, and with a very heavy heart, I tender my resignation from an airline I hold most fondly in my heart. An airline that I have faithfully served for the past 32 years. QANTAS has been good to me Doug as have you personally.

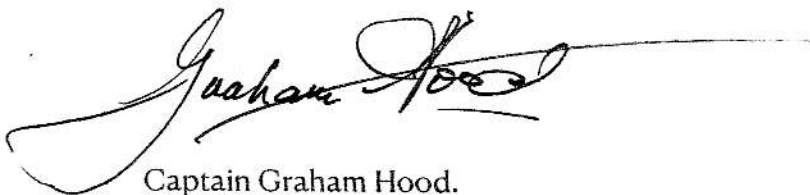
Where I go from here is yet to be determined but know this - I will never denigrate the airline which is its people and I will always say that I was a QANTAS Captain with joy and respect. I have achieved a boyhood dream from very humble beginnings and I am a man twice blessed.

There comes a time when a man must stand in the shadow of his own conscience and that is where I now find myself.

I am happy for my resignation to take effect immediately as I am unable to fly unless this matter is resolved thus removing the mandate.

I wish you and all my colleagues in the QANTAS family well and will pray that they and you will continue to stay out at the trees.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Hood', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Captain Graham Hood.

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