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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am lodging a submission to request rejection of the "Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022"

The "State of Emergency" should cease since the reports from the Government, the Media and Representatives world-wide are confirming that since the Omicron peak, the threat of serious illness and death have reduced significantly.

Reports are being made that the significance of vaccination "effectiveness" has reduced the severity of the Covid-19 Pandemic to the point that even the Chief Health Officer (Dr John Gerrard) has referred to the status of Omicron spread as a n epidemic now on a number of occasions in the past few weeks on main stream media.

As of 24/02/2022 – Australian Government Department of Health, release the following figures:



https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2022/02/covid-19-vaccinerollout-update-28-february-2022.pdf

If the vaccines are working to the extent that the Government describes them as being "Safe and Effective", then how is the remaining 5.6% of unvaccinated people be a threat to the rest of society?

References by politicians all over the world are stating that we need to start "Living with Covid". Please let us as the Australian community do so without unnecessary restrictions to movement; lifestyle and more-so working capacity. We, as part of the Health Care Community, have relentlessly been trying to provide the best support to the community. In 2020 and 2021, at the height of the Pandemic, we were regarded as essential. Once vaccination rates progressed to a 70% figure, suddenly we became a "threat" if we were unvaccinated. Vaccination is supposed to reduce transmission (both getting the virus and spreading it) as well as reducing symptomatology and severity of disease. Unfortunately this current vaccination (Pfizer, Astrazeneca, Moderna and Novovax) do not appear to have much effect on reducing transmission in either Vaccinated or Unvaccinated individuals. If, as is claimed, a reduction in severity has resulted, then the vaccinated individuals are not a threat from Unvaccinated individuals. Only Unvaccinated individuals may be subject to great symptomatology and progression of disease. Considering the average age of death due to Covid-19 is from about 82-86 years of age (and with comorbidities), the working class is not really at threat of severe disease. Therefore, individuals who remain unvaccinated should be allowed to work and move freely through society. At least, we should be able to while we live in a Democratic Society.

Furthermore, with respect to vaccination, The Australian Immunisation Handbook states, and remains current:

Criteria for valid consent

For consent to be legally valid, the following elements must be present: 12,14

- 1. It must be given by a person with legal capacity, and of sufficient intellectual capacity to understand the implications of receiving a vaccine.
- 2. It must be given voluntarily in the absence of undue pressure, coercion or manipulation.
- 3. It must cover the specific procedure that is to be performed.
- 4. It can only be given after the potential risks and benefits of the relevant vaccine, the risks of not having it, and any alternative options have been explained to the person.

Most of those people who remain Unvaccinated, remain so because they have educated themselves of the potential risks and benefits and have chosen that the evidence of side-effects for the vaccines does not warrant the risk of taking the vaccines.

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Also, many of us with medical knowledge and years of experience choose to let our immune system fight the virus (and many others beforehand) and aim to achieve natural immunity, of which developing evidence is showing a natural immunity to all strains of Covid-19, and most probably any new variants.

I request that this Amendment not be allowed to pass in Queensland Parliament, and that the Chief Health Officer return to other health matters:

Eq: Road fatalities (225 in 2020, and 301 in 2021 - ending April in each respective year). https://www.statista.com/statistics/991565/number-road-deaths-queenslandaustralia/

This number of deaths equates to those of Covid-19, yet there are no restrictions on the use of cars, recommendations on the media or any such reports of the severity of injuries associated with these deaths. This is a good example of the inequity of the management of health in this state.

Please consider this request.

Yours Sincere

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