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RE: PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2022

Please find below my submission to oppose the bill that has been submitted to parliament on 22 February 2022. The submission of same is astounding given that no obvious consultation has occurred with the public or warning that this submission was going to be made, such as a press conference.

This bill has been grossly overused and highly impactful to the general public and particularly those people who continue to uphold their medical freedom in making a choice around vaccinations. As a person who has chosen against vaccination:

- I have been segregated in society and unable to move freely into public places – this is against my human rights.
- I have been unable to continue my work due to the state's mandates on workplaces – this is against my human rights.
- I have been told by my doctor who had previous been assisting with my mental health that their practice policy was now only to see vaccinated customers in their building, however I may be seen in the carpark if needed – this is against my human rights. These emergency powers encourages discrimination in society.
- I have been told by my dentist that they will no longer service myself or my family due to my vaccination status – this is against my human rights.
- My ability to socialise freely with vaccinated people has been severely impacted and therefore impacting upon my mental health – this is against my human rights.

I argue against the need for the Disaster Management provisions to continue as:

- Deaths with Covid-19 have not surpassed any other major disease causing death e.g. cancer, heart disease, alzheimer's and dementia, diabetes. The Australian Bureau of Statistics released the following on 15.2.2022. 'There are 2,639 death registrations that have been received by the ABS where an individual is certified as having died from or with COVID-19 between the start of the pandemic and 31 January 2022. Approximately 1% of the 273,901 death registrations received by the ABS and certified by a doctor in Australia during the pandemic period are of people who have died with or from COVID-19'. In comparison to cancer or heart disease, the risk of dying of Covid-19 is hardly an emergency. Imagine if we spent the money that has been sacrificed in our economy due to Covid-19 measures, we could have cured Cancer.
- Average age of people dying of or with Covid is 81 years for men and 86 years for women, which again is higher than our average mortality rates.

I argue that the risk of side effects from vaccinations and other control measures implemented by the state far outweigh the risks provided by the virus and include:

- impact to children's education and ongoing disruptions to education.
- Impact of lockdowns, mask wearing, segregation and discrimination to people's mental health.
- People's ability to maintain their profession and jobs due to unlawful mandates. If it is mandated that you must get the vaccination to keep working this is not freedom to choose without consequences. One day this will be proven to be unlawful, particularly given that we have passed the peak.
- Vaccinations have proven not to stop the spread and studies internationally are now showing that vaccinated people spread the virus at the same rate of non-vaccinated people.
- TGA continues to record high rates of side effects from the vaccinated, with a product that is not effective. The definition of vaccination is to provide a 'treatment with a vaccine to produce immunity against a disease'. Vaccinations currently approved does not do this.
- The Omicron variant is described by doctors as 'for the vast majority of children, this is a mild disease' (as described by a paediatrician on national television – [REDACTED]) and 'have no symptoms whatsoever', and 'cared for at home'.

Continuation of these emergency powers that take away people's basic human rights and freedoms leave us in a society that no longer reflects Australia. If we are in a state of emergency, why are we advertising for international guests to come and holiday in Queensland???? Continuation of these emergency powers are unjustified and hence why so many other countries are moving away from lockdowns and mandates of vaccinations. Continuation of these mandates under emergency powers will be looked at in the future as the unlawful measures that they are and those who made these decisions will need to be held accountable.

There must be consideration of risks and the government should be consulting the public in full disclosure about what they are doing. Segregating a minority group will not stop the spread of the virus, it will only continue to carry out crimes against our human rights.

Kind regards,

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