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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
Subject: Proposed bill to extend the operation of public health measures- Covid 19 response
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Good afternoon,

I, Karla Smith wish to express my objection to the proposed Bill to further extend the operation of essential public health measures implemented to facilitate Queensland's response to the COVID-19 pandemic with this legislative expiry date for certain Acts to 31 October 2022. My reasoning is mentioned below:

- The majority of the Queensland population (and the rest of Australia) have done what the government have asked of them in regards to vaccination requirements, mask mandates, social distancing practices etc to respond to the Covid 19 pandemic. We have reached over 90% vaccination rate.
- The Covid pandemic burden on hospitals has eased. The daily cases are reducing. The strain whilst transmissible, is lessening in strength.
- We were told with this percentage of vaccinations, restrictions will be removed and we can go back to normal. This has not happened. We are one country yet even the states are divided.
- These Laws that allow one person to "mandate" and restrict people's liberties are going to cause a much higher strain on the economic system and peoples mental well- being.
- Professional people (teachers, disability workers, police, nurses, aged care workers) have either been coerced to be vaccinated to keep their jobs or are choosing to be pro- choice, they are not anti vax. Their right to earn a living is under threat. Their mental well -being is under threat. They face financial hardship. This will pose problems for the government in the future.

Families and friends are being divided.

Suicides are occurring at higher rates than normal.

Please help Australia get back to being the great country it once was.

Please stop the segregation.

I implore you, do not let this Bill pass. It is no longer necessary.

Thank you in advance

Karla Smith

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