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Good morning

This is a personal response to this bill

I have become aware of this bill and wish to advise I am strongly against this extension. The initial powers were granted under an emergency provision. That emergency no longer exists

- the population of Qld and Australia generally has a very high vaccination rate
- the virus itself is mild and only has severe or moderately severe consequences for a very small number of our population
- those who are at risk can be very clearly identified
- our hospitals and staff have only a very small number of patients that have covid and need to be in hospital because of covid. The vast majority of patients in hospital are there for other reasons and just happen to also have covid. So they would be there regardless of this virus.
- the trend is downward even on infections, that most people have very mild symptoms for - less than a cold in many cases.

The govt has already demonstrated a severe over reach of these emergency powers with little to no benefit to the community and a total disregard to the impact they have had on other health issues.

I do not support this extension in any way.

The criteria to implement firstly and now extend these powers does not exist.

Should they arise, that would be the time for a bill to be put forward with clear evidence as to a criteria that is met to warrant the provision of the power. In the meantime it is not appropriate to grant extended powers for a situation that does not currently exist. As stated, should an emergency arise, then the request needs to be made.

This provision is not intended to be implemented or extended....."just in case"

There needs to be clear definition of what criteria constitutes the requirement, with clear risks outlined and clear statistical evidence to demonstrate the need. This bill provides none of that

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