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Committee Secretary
Community Support and Services Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

2 March, 2022

Dear Secretary,

RE: Submission to the committee NOT to extend emergency powers of the Queensland Government.

My name is Christopher Faast. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I make this submission on behalf of myself and my family consisting of 6 others in Queensland, including my mother, Penelope Faast ([REDACTED]) who is 81 years of age.

We are strongly opposed to the emergency powers being further extended to the government in Queensland until October 2022. The health emergency seems to be finished, and no person in my family or large group of friends has had their health affected by the CoVid 19 Pandemic since 2020. From everything I have heard, our hospitals have not been overwhelmed, and the death rate from the virus has been minimal.

Now, with the majority of Queenslanders vaccinated, or with natural immunity, we accept that the virus is endemic and no longer significant risk to ourselves, or the elderly. Extending the emergency powers is not going to achieve that. On the contrary, following the lead of other governments around the world (such as the UK) and the advice of our Prime Minister, it is now time for the Queensland government to treat us as mature adults, to cancel all mandates and allow Queenslanders to get back to work and get on with their lives.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Faast