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SUBMISSION TO THE QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO EXTENDING QUEENSLAND'S 'STATE OF EMERGENCY':

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MY POSITION ON THE MATTER:

I am AGAINST the extension of the 'State of Emergency' in Queensland.

REASONS FOR MY POSITION ON THE MATTER:

1. DEATHS FROM COVID:

- The latest Australian Bureau of Statistics information states that over 22 months of Covid, 273,901 Australians died. However, of these deaths only 2,639 people were Covid related with 92% of these having 3 serious underlying conditions.
- Some 100,000 died of cancer, 32,999 died of heart disease, 30,000 died of Alzheimer's and dementia; and 10,000 died of diabetes.
- Covid related deaths represent fewer than one per cent of the total deaths in Australia over the past 22 months.
- The median age of death was 81 years for men and 86 years for women. Both of these are above our national average life span.
- Far more people died from the flu than Covid. We had 2,639 Covid deaths over 22 months. However, over a period of 12 months in 2019, 4,124 people died of the flu. That is a far worse death toll than the Covid death toll. ABS website figures.
- The vaccination mandate in Queensland began on 17 December 2021, when we had 2,227 cases and a fully vaccinated status of 83.6%. Just over 2 months later, Covid cases in Qld had jumped to 532,273 with a fully vaccinated status of 90.6%. Since the mandate started in Qld, the state has averaged 8,031 new cases per day. During the same period, the number in the state who are unvaccinated has fallen from 16.4% to 9.4%, yet we have recorded 530,000 new cases.
- This data shows that the MANDATE IS A COMPLETE WASTE OF TIME. IT HAS MADE ZERO DIFFERENCE TO STOPPING THE SPREAD OF COVID THROUGH QLD.
the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022, Queensland's 'state of emergency' laws will be extended from 30 April 2022 to 31 October 2022.
- Queensland has made the Covid health response worse by standing down 4,000 highly trained health workers and we have lost specialised staff in aged care and home care services, as well as police, paramedics, teachers, etc and shut down businesses due to mandates.

2. I HAVEN'T MET ANYONE THAT HAS HAD COVID-19

- I was a Dental Assistant at Griffith University for nearly 10 years, I still to this day, don't know anyone who has had a positive PCR or RAT's test.

3. THIS STATE OF EMERGENCY IMPACTS ABILITY TO WORK:

- I was made redundant because of COVID and now because of the mandates I am unable to find meaningful work which is a drain on my mental health, alcohol abuse and my relationship.
- My boyfriend has been stood down for 3 months and he is unable to go back to work being a Chef, he isn't allowed to work - which has taken a toll on our finances, stress is through the roof and our relationship has suffered because of all the unnecessary stress all because of these stupid mandates
- Mandates on doctors, nurses, paramedics, police officers, supermarket workers, hospitality etc must be lifted as these people need to return to work. Threatening people with their livelihood does not serve the community health, it creates division, takes away our human rights, promotes Discrimination, is unfair, unjust, is not about health, is coercive.
- It is coercive to DEMAND that I am vaccinated to do my job. The Australian Immunisation Handbook states that there must be full valid and informed consent given without coercion or pressure. I cannot consent while I am threatened with my job.

4. NO COVID-19 EMERGENCY:

- There is no emergency. The recent weather event which has caused flooding in the South East Region has shown that the fear of Covid is over.
- There have been no excess deaths compared to the yearly seasonal flu. In fact, the 3 Australian deaths from Covid (not with Covid) are under 100 (according to government's revised figures).
- The reported large Case numbers since the Covid-19 outbreak in Australia that are promoted are not evidence of illness. A case is a positive test result. It does not state that someone is ill. A lot of cases are doubled due to repeat tests. Also, positive test results were sometimes false positives (as PCR tests have been found by overseas countries like Portugal, UK, USA, etc to be unreliable in their ability to distinguish between the flu and Covid-19).
- There is no Covid-19 emergency. The UK and other countries have dropped all Covid restrictions, so why is Queensland still considering this extension?

5. IS THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING WHAT IS BEST FOR QUEENSLANDERS?

- The Queensland Government is a servant of the people.
- People are tired of government restrictions which take away our right to cross borders, to talk with our neighbours, to celebrate our personal celebrations, be they weddings, funerals, birthdays, etc.

6. END THE STATE OF EMERGENCY

- There is no good reason to continue with the STATE OF EMERGENCY.
- Allow citizens autonomy over their bodies - no coercion to be forced to have a medical treatment.
- I could find many more reasons: such as the impact on mental health of the harsh controls imposed on people by the government under these emergency powers.
- Families need to get back to normal life. We need to remember that our health is a personal choice, taken every time we decide what to put into our bodies.
- If the government really cared about our health then:
 - The government would MANDATE eating vegetables, healthy protein, fruit, organic wherever possible.
 - The government would have approved EARLY TREATMENTS for Covid-19, which are only now being proclaimed by the Main Stream Media as valid treatments. There are more than 10 early treatment protocols which have been used successfully to treat Covid-19 patients from the first strains to the present main variant which is now a mild one stage event (does not progress to the inflammation stage which featured in Alpha, Delta and early strains).

• Therefore, a better option than continuing to create intolerable conditions for the people of Queensland, is to allow Covid to be treated as per other illnesses. Allow the doctor/patient relationship to go back to what it was rather than what we have had since the State of Emergency and that is a Government/patient relationship. The Government is not a medical professional with a doctor/patient privilege that values privacy of information

In summary:

1. DEATHS FROM COVID - not a valid reason - less deaths than flu.
2. COVID-19 IS NOW A MILD ILLNESS.
3. THIS STATE OF EMERGENCY IMPACTS ABILITY TO WORK
4. NO COVID-19 EMERGENCY
5. IS THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING WHAT IS BEST FOR QUEENSLANDERS?
6. END THE STATE OF EMERGENCY

I trust that the Government will hear our calls and stop these ridiculous mandates - as it doesn't matter if you are vaccinated or not you can still catch and transmit Covid-19!