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I am responding to invitations for submissions in respect of,  
Public Health and Other Legislation  
(Extension of Expiring Provisions)  
Amendment Bill, 2022

- I do not want, or need, the current unnecessary and intrusive regulations to be extended yet again. I do not accept the rationale, as stated by the Health Minister, in her introduction of the Bill on 22.2.22, that I need a placing of my “trust in the Premier to keep us safe from COVID 19”. This alleged trust is not given or required in order for me to manage my personal health and wellbeing. The Minister went further in her speech to parliament and made the worrying admission that the Bill “will extend most temporary health measures”.
  - Initially, these measures, before repeated extensions were supposed to deal with the emergencies facing Queensland’s neglected public hospitals. Now, two years after “flattening the curve for two weeks”, we have more than a 90% vaccination rate, and more than enough opportunity to equip, prepare and staff our hospitals’ responses. Yet still we are asked to accept, mandates, arrests for not wearing a mask, arrests for the innocent posting of opinions on social media, the de-registration of Medical practitioners for honouring patient rights, the confirmed negative educational and health and wellbeing outcomes arising from mandated lockdowns and school closures, all kinds of vilification of diverse opinions and seemingly arbitrary and fluid deadlines for any, often temporary, easing of restrictions.
- With all the current contingencies, I am strongly opposed to more of the same; or what the Minister admitted “... will extend most temporary health measures.”
- The whole idea of extending “extraordinary regulations” as a contingency against some possible future emergency is a contradiction in terms. Emergency powers are for an identified emergency and should not be standing provisions.

The Queensland Government should get on with the task of preparing for emergencies touching on citizens’ welfare, including natural disasters, so that with proper planning and resourcing, emergency provisions may be sought as required to implement that good planning.

- This is a very important and sensitive matter for Queensland citizens and I respectfully ask that citizens’ views be actively sought and carefully considered.

Note that this email is a replica of a duly signed hard copy which has been forwarded to the Committee by post. David Manning.

Sent from my iPhone