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Attention: Committee Secretary

I write to you today as a concerned citizen of Queensland. Covid-19 has impacted all our lives over these last two years, for some Queenslanders more than others. While emergency orders had their place early on while the effects of Covid-19 were largely unknown, we now have a better understanding of the disease and its severity, as well as the population age that it is most likely to have severe outcomes.

These two years have been an incredibly mentally challenging time and I believe it's now time to accept that Covid-19 will be here for the long haul. It's time to start learning how to manage the risk of Covid as individuals, without having every aspect and measure of Covid-19 dictated by the Queensland government. The public health measures are meant for actual emergencies, not hypothetical ones that may or may not develop. The state of QLD has had almost two years to improve their health services and put in place measures to protect the most vulnerable. If Qld continues on with these emergency measures, that signifies to me that the QLD government doesn't believe the measures they have been enforcing have worked. Extending these measures would only prove that all of the frustrations and sacrifices that Queenslanders have faced over these past almost two years were for nothing. It is time to let these measures expire and let people move on with their lives.

I would ask that my submission be taken on board when debating whether these measures should be extended. I strongly urge that all measures currently in place be allowed to expire.

Thank you for your time,

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