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**To:** [Community Support and Services Committee](#)  
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To whom it may concern:

With respect to the proposed Extension to the Emergency Bill and vaccine mandates I implore you, please DO NOT allow this extension to pass.

This extension seems unreasonable due to the high vaccination rates in our state, the coming endemic nature of Omicron, the low rates of hospitalisation and the quickly reducing number of positive cases. Omicron is spreading quickly and allowing for the herd immunity we have all been hoping for. It is also becoming proven science in other parts of the world that Natural Immunity is longer lasting and provides more protection than the waning effectiveness vaccine immunity. Why is this not being recognised in QLD?

I personally contacted Omicron in Dec. 2021 and had a few days of illness in which I isolated and recovered. I now have a robust natural immunity and have unknowingly been exposed to Covid since and have had no reaction, yet I am being denied my freedom to engage with society, which is causing undo stress on my mental health.

When the vaccine mandates came in denying unvaccinated people the right to dine in a café or restaurant, go to museums and theatres, pubs, clubs and festivals, the reason was stated that is **was not a punishment** but to encourage vaccinations and to protect the vulnerable people in our society. With the suggestion of this extension of the Emergency Bill, the reason stated is to **penalise** those who would not comply and be vaccinated.

Vaccines are not compulsory in Australia. I am a law abiding, tax paying Australian citizen who is now being denied culture and freedom to socialise with my family and friends. Local businesses are suffering having to deny patrons, people are being discriminated against causing social division, frustration and mental duress. People have lost their jobs and some businesses are suffering even more since 17 Dec., having to deny patrons and lay off staff and doing only take away, rather than deny customers and cause further discrimination and separation of our citizens. After managing to stay alive these past 2 years, they are now facing the demise of their business due to no fault of their own. I personally lost my own international, tourist based business of nearly 20 years due to Covid 19. I have suffered enough and this extend punishment is unnecessary, unfair, discriminatory and affecting my state of mental health.

I am not a criminal nor am I a leper. I choose my vaccination status not because of conspiracy theory or peer pressure, but for the sake of maintaining my state of physical health. I am a healthy 67 year old with a robust immune system that is sensitive to pharmaceuticals, having anaphylactic response to several different drugs previously taken. I do not know the ingredient that is causing this and I am not willing to take a vaccine to see if I react, possibly causing life-long health issues.

I do not suffer any of the co-morbidities associated with those more vulnerable to more severe disease with Covid19 and personally maintain a high state of health. To make it legal to dine in a food court, which is normally indoors, crowded and serving fast foods associated with the co-morbidities of obesity, diabetes and heart disease is an insult to those of us who take our health

responsibly. It just doesn't make sense.

The vaccines were a very necessary part of our getting through this pandemic, but now, with the boosters having a short effective lifespan, the endemic nature of Omicron and the herd immunity it is providing, I sincerely feel it is time to stop punishing those of us who, for whatever reason, have chosen to not be vaccinated, as is our right.

I am an Australian and it is my right to not be vaccinated, so why should I continue to be punished for my choice, especially as this pandemic is waning and we are no longer in a health state of emergency.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,  
Kimberley Payard

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