

From: [Bonnie Urban](#)
To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
Subject: Re: STATE OF EMERGENCY POWERS EXTENSION BILL
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I write to you with grave concerns regarding the application for the above bill by the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services, Yvette D'Ath.

Our country has now endured two years of rules and regulations associated with the containment of Covid. We have had daily updates that inform us of the status of infection, death and the increase of rules for prevention or relaxation of same. The community has responded accordingly across the board. For the rare case of noncompliance you have introduced punishment as you see fit.

Queenslanders are more than capable of making decisions for their own health and that of their families. We do not want our state government to assume the role of our owner. I don't think a government should treat people as their possessions.

These unprecedented powers have been in place for the period that we have all been learning to live with this virus and for the period required to be sure that everyone is educated accordingly.

I am in strong opposition to these powers being extended any further, especially when the main decision maker is an unelected government official from the Community Support And Services Committee.

The damage and cost to our society in regard to mental health is immeasurable. The main cause of that is the powerlessness that the community feels because we feel that you have overstepped your tenure.

The current state of emergency does not expire until the 30th April 2022. We have not been in a state of emergency for a number of months now. This state of emergency power should not continue as a "Just in Case" power or strategy. As I have already stated, the community knows how to take the appropriate actions and wish to be in control of their own volition.

I hope you take my feelings into consideration.

Many thanks
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