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To whom it may concern,

I feel that it is time to start to shed some light on this current Covid situation and I'm hoping that you may be able to present stories that address my concerns below.

I am emailing to express my concerns about the current negotiations that are happening with regards to extension of the state of emergency. From my understanding the public health emergency allows the Queensland Government to use new powers, that are added to the act, to combat the COVID-19 outbreak. From all accounts and the data that I have accessed, it would appear that the peak has passed and that we are now living with Covid. Hospitalisations have decreased and mask mandates have been removed as of 4<sup>th</sup> March. Restrictions across all of Australia appear to be lifting. It would seem that the government are finally going to act in a way that is proportionate to the data surrounding the Covid related health risks.

So why is there now a conversation around increasing the timespan of the state of emergency for another 6 months? If the risk is now minimal and a good majority of Australians have already contracted Covid then why is this even being discussed. The only reason I can see that this would be happening is if they want to be able to mandate the vaccines. They want their to be a "no jab, no job" policy and they need this control to be able to enforce this. This has to be stopped.

The ABS has provided data around deaths last year. 100,000 people died of cancer between March 2020 and January 2021. 32,000 died from both Heart disease and dementia. Yet we are still obsessed by the 2639 deaths from Covid related deaths. Some of these people have died "with" Covid and not "from" Covid. Enough is enough! This narrative is getting old. The government needs to hand over their control and admit that it's been a "storm in a teacup". They need to focus on other health issues that are out of control – cancer, heart disease, obesity to name a few.

Please support the community in their quest to remove the work related mandates as they are completely disproportion to the current health risks associated with Covid. The government does not need to increase the timeframe of the state of emergency as there really is NO emergency.

Thanks for your support.

**Kerrie Connolly**  
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