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Re: Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provision) Amendment Bill 2022

I am writing to OBJECT to the above proposed legislation. The legislation is based upon the Queensland Government acknowledgement of COVID19 deaths in Queensland. I encourage the committee to review the Australian Bureau of Statistics data released recently which highlighted:

COVID Deaths:

- In the 22 months in 2020 and 2021 there were 273,901 deaths in Australia
- Of these 273,901 deaths, 2,639 people died of COVID. That is 0.96% of total deaths in Australia.
- Of these 2,639 deaths attributed to COVID, 92% of deaths had 3 comorbidities. The average age of these deaths was 81 years for men and 86 years for women. This is ABOVE the average life expectancy. As sad as these deaths are, it is a fact, that if you are lucky enough to live to your 80's or 90's you will die.
- This leaves 211 people in Australia who have died OF covid, not WITH covid therefore covid caused 0.077% of our national average.
- In 2019, 4,124 people died from the flu in Australia. That's an increase of 94.88%.
- The Queensland Government have shut down businesses, stopped people from earning a living, caused marriage breakups, kept people from seeing dying family members, stopped people from attending weddings and funerals, kept fathers from their newborn babies, closed schools and disrupted education, caused an increase in suicides and caused a loss of trust in doctors, teachers, politicians and the police force all for something that is causing the death of 0.077% of our deaths and impacting people in the mid-80's.
- The use of emergency powers is completely unjustified in every single way.
- These powers DO NOT need to be extended.

QLD COVID RATES

- The Emergency Powers underpin the vaccine mandates across Government and the private sector. These mandates have decimated industries.
 - There is currently a teacher shortage across Queensland. Reports from school indicate schools are not coping with critical staff shortages

- During the recent flooding in February 2022 experiences swift water rescue crews were sitting at home because they could not travel to another region
- Hospitals, aged care facilities and police service are understaffed.
- The current wait time for an ambulance Code 1 in Brisbane is 1 hour
- These are real statistics from Queensland and a direct result of vaccine mandates which have been allowed to occur under the emergency powers. A continuation of emergency powers will only cripple our frontline services further putting Queenslanders at greater risk.
- I encourage you to find the statistics for suicides since March 2020 and compare them to 2019 and 2018.

I would like my submission to be included.



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