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To whom it may concern,

I work as a school Counsellor in a Private School on the Sunshine Coast.

My name is Fiona Cran and I am writing on my own behalf as someone who works in a school and has been impacted by the restrictions and mandates.

Put simply, I see no rationale for extending any special powers as we are not in an emergency situation. Covid is travelling through communities giving the vast majority of people symptoms akin to the common cold.

From tomorrow mask wearing will no longer be mandatory so it seems at odds to be relaxing restrictions and at the same time extending powers.

The powers have caused more harm than the covid. I am not ignoring the deaths that have occurred as these are sad. However you know that the overwhelming majority of those were elderly people with pre existing conditions. One is more likely to die driving your car to work as a healthy person than be affected by C19.

Yet as a counsellor I see the devastating impact on mental health caused by the fear spread by media and politicians. The restrictions and mandates have caused division in workplaces, families and significant anxiety and depression in many lives. Domestic violence is out of control on the Sunshine Coast with shelters full and unable to help many coming to their doors. Psychologists and Counsellors have waiting lists of up to 6 months! families are breaking down and children are growing up in fear and heightened emotions.

It is time to put a stop to the mental health epidemic, not the C19 epidemic which is far less harmful.

Do not agree to extending special powers which do not serve in the communities interests.

Kind regards
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