

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

Committee Secretary  
Community Support and Services Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
Brisbane Qld 4000

RE: PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT  
BILL 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to state my position that I DO NOT want or support an extension to the above Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022. It is unnecessary and will continue to impose draconian segregation of our beautiful Queensland home. Below, I will outline the key reasoning behind my submission, using readily available and accurate data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

#### COVID Deaths

- Over 22 months of COVID in Queensland, there has been 273901 deaths
- 2639 of these deaths have been COVID-related
- Of these 2639, 92% had 3 serious underlying conditions
- Therefore, COVID related deaths account for less than 1% of deaths in QLD
- The median age of people who have died with COVID is 81 (men) and 86 (women), which are both higher than our average life span

#### Comparisons to other Deaths/Illnesses

- In the 12 months of 2019, there were 4124 deaths from the flu, compared to the 2639 deaths across 22 months of COVID
- In this time, more than 100000 people died from cancer and over 32000 died from heart disease

#### Spread of COVID since Mandates

- Since the introduction of mandates and restrictions on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021, there has been an average of 8031 new cases of COVID per day
- Despite exiling the unvaccinated from society, Queensland has recorded over 530000 new cases
- COVID was clearly spread predominantly throughout the community during this time by vaccinated people
- COVID does not discriminate between the vaccinated and the unvaccinated
- The mandates have made no difference to the spread of COVID throughout the community; therefore, they are NOT useful or necessary

### Overseas Comparison

- Many countries across the world, including the UK, US and European countries, have scrapped their mandates and restrictions
- The US has deemed mandates unconstitutional
- This reflects the 99.7% survival rate and lack of evidence to suggest that this continues to be an emergency

### Loss of Thousands of Workers

- Having lost over 4000 health workers and over 5000 teachers from these precious industries, it is horrifying to think of the ongoing impact this will have if mandates are not removed
- The teacher shortage in QLD is having devastating effects on our students, staff and administration, as they struggle to grapple through the 2022 school year, which has already been marred by a delayed start and the recent flooding crisis
- Schools are struggling to put qualified and experienced teachers in front of students, with a recent survey of School and ECE staff saying that 68% of schools are not coping with the staff shortages
- A collective of over 30000 years of experience has been lost by the Department of Education's mandate for school staff
- The current COVID data shows that rates of infection in school-aged children is DECREASING and is well BELOW what they predicted, bringing into question the relevance of a mandate for a high-risk setting

It is simply not justified to extend these emergency powers for something that is NOT an emergency. If the latest flood crisis has showed us anything, it is that there are much more critical emergencies at hand, and COVID no longer presents the level of concern or response that has previously been justified. Please consider my submission AGAINST the extension of these provisions.

Kind Regards,

Signed: Tegan Mikhail

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