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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
Subject: Objection to Extension of Emergency powers
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Committee Secretary
Community Support and Services Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Sir or Madam,

As a concerned citizen, I am writing regarding the issue of extending the Emergency powers until 31 October 2022.

I object and disagree that this measure is necessary, particularly given the response of other countries in the same position, who are completely rolling back all restrictions and mandates etc.

We have all been affected by COVID19 in some way. I have personally witnessed great hardships created by the Queensland Government response to the pandemic.

Initially, we were told "2 weeks to flatten the curve", but if the Emergency powers are extended, it will become 3 years of restrictions.

I strongly recommend that the Government should take all social issues into account. For instance, my own granddaughter has been impacted by pandemic restrictions for two-thirds of her young life. The full extent of the social impact on the young is only now being fully realised. They are growing up in a Queensland where masking is the norm, they missed vital schooling and families are being stressed to breaking point due to job losses, restriction of movement and basic enjoyment of a normal life.

Suicide rates are reported to be far higher than the toll from the epidemic itself. Nursing homes are suffering staff shortages therefore, causing suffering to our elderly. Family members have been devastated by the mandates and restrictions which are an outcome of such Emergency powers, by being unable to visit their loved ones at a crucial time including the end-of-life period.

Small businesses have been badly affected and devastated, and this also impacts the staff they employ. The results are negatively far reaching and have turned many lives upside down. The whole economy suffers due to these restrictions.

I personally have to work from home, (at a reduced pay rate) to enable me to keep a roof over my head. I am one of the "lucky ones". I have been personally devastated by the change to my life in many other ways also. I am a grandmother of 4, a Justice of the Peace and Medical administrator.

Please consider carefully ALL the collateral damage that extending the Emergency powers would inflict on the public and economy.

Please give the responsibility for our own health back to us. It's time for us to personally manage our own health once more. It's time to end the two-tiered society so we can become united Queenslanders again.

Yours respectfully,

Jan Rhoades

