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To the Committee Secretary
Community Support & Services Committee

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

I am writing as a concerned citizen opposing the Extension of State of Emergency powers. The reasons being:

- The State of Emergency has been in place since January 2020 and the Covid 19 pandemic is coming to an end. All of the measures and restrictions are now unreasonable and should be lifted.
- The initial concern that hospitals would be unable to cope is no longer applicable – we now have approximately 300 people in hospitals across the state (and they may not have even been hospitalised for Covid 19).
- These extraordinary powers have enabled the mandates of vaccination. They are mandating a vaccine with known and documented adverse reactions, which are far from rare. In my personal experience, my 30yr old hairdresser is still unable to work 6 months later, due to myocarditis – an adverse reaction from Pfizer vaccine. A teenage boy on my son's sporting team now has pericarditis & ongoing heart issues as a result of the vaccine, and has had to pull out of sport. It's a vaccine with no long-term studies (looking at fertility, organ function and health). There was only provisional approval of the vaccine because of these Emergency Powers. According to all immunisation material, as a medical procedure, a vaccine should only be given with informed consent, and with no coercion. This is not the case with Covid vaccines.
- Even in our current flood crisis, unvaccinated people are being turned away from evacuation centres (I can't even fathom!). Groups are also refusing the help of unvaccinated individuals. So disgraceful! So very Un-Australian!
- So many people have lost their jobs by simply choosing not to be vaccinated (which should be an individual's choice).
- We are extremely short staffed in all industries – aged care, nursing and health, police, ambulance, teachers. Our school lost 40 teachers and staff due to the mandates. I know so many nurses who chose to leave due to the mandates. All the understaffing could be alleviated by allowing trained and qualified unvaccinated professionals to resume their positions.
- These powers have created a segregation of society. Unvaccinated individuals are unable to attend weddings (or they are capped at 20 people) and functions, unable to dine out at cafes/restaurants/pubs, unable to attend ticketed events, unable to go to theme parks or tourist destinations. And there is no evidence of increased transmission by unvaccinated individuals.
- People have lost businesses, lost jobs, lost many human rights due to mandates and restrictions. And mental health issues have skyrocketed.
- All of this for a pandemic, where in this state, we have had over 500 000 cases, and only 564 Queenslanders have died. The Bureau of Statistics reported the average age of death to be

83 years old – which is the average life expectancy. Over 90 per cent of people who died also had underlying conditions. Covid-19 related deaths accounted for only 1 per cent of registered deaths Australia wide.

- It has shown to be a mild illness in healthy individuals. Many vaccinated and unvaccinated people experienced extremely mild symptoms with Covid. Even at our peak in Queensland, with over 20 000 new cases/day, we only saw 900 hospitalisations (and these were not all unvaccinated individuals). These were people with underlying conditions.

Politicians are citing the fact that we don't know what's around the corner, and that winter is coming for the State of Emergency to be extended. No, we do not know what the future holds, but the extraordinary powers should not be extended for "what ifs". They should not be able to continue to control people's lives when there is no health emergency. The State of Emergency is no longer applicable and should not be extended. Mandates need to end! Please support the people! Let everyone get their lives back!

Kind regards,



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