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

I wish to make a submission that the above Bill not be extended. The reasons for that being:

- There is no need for an extension particularly because of the number of COVID deaths in Queensland.
- COVID cases in Queensland are falling to such an extent that the government is no longer mandating face masks to be worn as of Friday the 4th of March; so the cases can't be concerning to the government in fact.
- ABS data clearly shows there has been an exaggeration of predicted cases and/or deaths from COVID which have simply not come to pass.
- Based on the above point, it is fair to say any future predictions of cases and/or deaths will continue to be exaggerated and not what the true position will be.
- If the government truly believed there to be a threat from COVID it would not be winding back mandates, especially in regards to QR code checking in and wearing of face masks.
- The elderly are obviously the age group most at risk and this threat could/should be able to be easily managed in aged care facilities.
- People not in aged care should be able to get on with their lives and try to return to normality.
- Mental health suffering has been a terrible and considerable consequence of the Public Health and Other Legislation and has not done people suffering from mental health any favours. People have felt they had no option but to take their own lives because they could not see a future. By not extending this legislation would give many people hope of being able to move on with their lives and seek assistance.
- The government has not shown the public the evidence on which they base any need for an extension.
- Let the public see the evidence.
- The number of deaths from Covid 19 is much lower than deaths from other illness such as heart disease, cancer, diabetes, dementia. So that would indicate Covid 19 is not as dangerous to the general public. There are no special Acts in relation to those diseases.

Those are my submissions.

Thank you.

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