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Committee Secretary
Community Support and Services Committee

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Dear Committee Secretary,

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

**SUBMISSION TO THE QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO
EXTENDING QUEENSLAND'S 'STATE OF EMERGENCY':**

Under the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022, Queensland's 'state of emergency' laws will be extended from 30 April 2022 to 31 October 2022.

MY NAME: Mrs Christine Thomson

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MY POSITION ON THE MATTER:

I am AGAINST the extension of the 'State of Emergency' in Queensland.

REASONS FOR MY POSITION ON THE MATTER:

1. DEATHS FROM COVID - less deaths than the seasonal flu:

- The latest Australian Bureau of Statistics information states that over 22 months of Covid, 273,901 Australians died. However, of these deaths only 2,639 people were Covid related with 92% of these having 3 serious underlying conditions.
- Some 100,000 died of cancer, 32,999 died of heart disease, 30,000 dies of Alzheimer's and dementia; and 10,000 died of diabetes.
- Covid related deaths represent fewer than one per cent of the total deaths in Australia over the past 22 months.
- The median age of death was 81 years for mean and 86 years for women. Both of these are above our national average life span.
- Far more people died from the flu than Covid. We had 2,639 Covid deaths over 22 months. However, over a period of 12 months in 2019, 4,124 people died of the flu. That is a far worse death toll than the Covid death toll. ABS website figures.

- The vaccination mandate in Queensland began on 17 December 2021, when we had 2,227 cases and a fully vaccinated status of 83.6%. Just over 2 months later, Covid cases in Qld had jumped to 532,273 with a fully vaccinated status of 90.6%. Since the mandate started in Qld, the state has averaged 8,031 new cases per day. During the same period, the number in the state who are unvaccinated has fallen from 16.4% to 9.4%, yet we have recorded 530,000 new cases.
- This data shows that the MANDATE IS A COMPLETE WASTE OF TIME. IT HAS MADE ZERO DIFFERENCE TO STOPPING THE SPREAD OF COVID THROUGH QLD.
- Queensland has made the Covid health response worse by standing down 4,000 highly trained health workers and we have lost specialised staff in aged care and home care services, as well as police, paramedics, teachers, etc and shut down businesses due to mandates.

2. COVID-19 IS NOW A MILD ILLNESS:

- I have had Covid-19. It was a minor illness and I am aged _____. My husband had symptoms for 2 days, I had symptoms for 4 days, plus tiredness for about 3 more days. Our major symptom was an extreme fatigue. No cold, no aches, no cough, only fever and extreme fatigue. PCR confirmed.
- We now have natural immunity. Natural immunity has been found to be far superior to any medical intervention e.g. vaccinations (which have been found to not confer any sterilising immunity, and the supposed claim of reducing hospitalisation and death is not proven or backed up by the data from UK and Israel).
- *Reference: 130 Research Studies Affirming The Power of Natural COVID Immunity. <https://thepulse.one/2021/11/23/130-research-studies-affirming-the-power-of-natural-immunity-to-covid/> Epidemiologist Dr Paul Elias Alexander is a former assistant professor at McMaster University in evidence-based medicine and research...

3. THIS STATE OF EMERGENCY IMPACTS ABILITY TO WORK:

- I am a teacher and I need to get back to work. I am suspended and not allowed on site due to my choice not to take a medical intervention that does not stop me from catching Covid. I then had Covid and was not very ill. As above, I now have natural immunity and I have a temporary medical exemption as per ATAGI guidelines.
- I am a language teacher and my replacement is not a language teacher. How many other cases are like this, where the education of students is being affected because healthy teachers are not allowed to work? We are suspended and not allowed on site, because we have not taken a medical procedure. There are thousands of us.
- Mandates on doctors, nurses, paramedics, police officers, supermarket workers, etc must be lifted as these people need to return to work. Threatening people with their livelihood does

not serve the community health, it creates division, takes away our human rights, promotes Discrimination, is unfair, unjust, is not about health, is coercive.

- It is coercive to DEMAND that I am vaccinated to do my job. The Australian Immunisation Handbook states that there must be full valid and informed consent given without coercion or pressure. I cannot consent while I am threatened with my job.

4. NO COVID-19 EMERGENCY:

- There is no Covid emergency. The recent weather event which has caused flooding in the South East Region has shown that the fear of Covid is over.
- There have been no excess deaths compared to the yearly seasonal flu.
- The reported large Case numbers since the Covid-19 outbreak in Australia that are promoted are not evidence of illness. A case is a positive test result. It does not state that someone is ill. A lot of cases are doubled due to repeat tests. I myself reported my case twice, as per what was required at the time i.e. to report my positive Rapid Antigen Test, then I had a positive PCR test, which would have shown up as 2 cases reported. Also, positive test results were sometimes false positives (as PCR tests have been found by overseas countries like Portugal, UK, USA, etc to be unreliable in their ability to distinguish between the flu and Covid-19).
- There is no Covid-19 emergency. The UK and other countries have dropped all Covid restrictions, so why is Queensland still considering this extension?

5. IS THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING WHAT IS BEST FOR QUEENSLANDERS?

- The Queensland Government is a servant of the people. The government has always protected the aged and infirm. It is not reasonable in the circumstances to place restrictions on people who are well and want to get on with their lives as is their right.
- People are tired of government restrictions which take away our right to cross borders, to talk with our neighbours, to celebrate our personal celebrations, be they weddings, funerals, birthdays, etc.

6. THE EMERGENCY IS BASED ON A BELIEF IN BEING ABLE TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID:

- The emergency allows the government to discriminate between the vaccinated and unvaccinated with the official reason being that transmission of Covid will be reduced if vaccinated. However, this is not the case:
- There is ZERO evidence that viral loads differ between vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Reference: January 1st 2022 from the Lancet article citing 7 references to show ZERO evidence that viral loads differ between vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals -

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS1473-3099\(21\)00768-4/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS1473-3099(21)00768-4/fulltext)

7. HUMAN RIGHTS ARE BEING VIOLATED:

'Human rights should be limited only after careful consideration, and should only be limited in a way that can be justified in a free and democratic society based on human dignity, equality, freedom and the rule of law.' (Preamble)

Section 17 Protection from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment

A person must not be—

- (a) subjected to torture; or
- (b) treated or punished in a cruel, inhuman or degrading way; or
- (c) subjected to medical or scientific experimentation or treatment without the person's full, free and informed consent.

THE QUEENSLAND STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR COVID has been extended so that the experimental vaccines can be used under EMERGENCY USE AUTHORISATION. People who do not consent to the experimental vaccines are threatened with their jobs and livelihoods. This is torture for some people and there have been suicides as people have lost their ability to work or their businesses have been shut down. The division being created in society by taking away human rights of people to go to certain venues compared to those who are vaccinated, is a form of torture. It is discrimination and a violation of human rights. The reasoning is that the vaccinated are more safe than the unvaccinated and this is not true (See #6 - the data proves otherwise).

Section 58: Conduct of public entities

(1) It is unlawful for a public entity—

- (a) to act or make a decision in a way that is not compatible with human rights; or
- (b) in making a decision, to fail to give proper consideration to a human right relevant to the decision.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a public entity if the entity could not reasonably have acted differently or made a different decision because of a statutory provision, a law of the Commonwealth or another State or otherwise under law.

Example—

A public entity is acting to give effect to a statutory provision that is not compatible with human rights. <https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/whole/html/asmade/act-2019-00>

8. END THE STATE OF EMERGENCY

- There is no good reason to continue with the STATE OF EMERGENCY.
- Allow citizens autonomy over their bodies - no coercion to be forced to have a medical treatment.
- I could find many more reasons: such as the impact on mental health of the harsh controls imposed on people by the government under these emergency powers.
- Families need to get back to normal life. We need to remember that our health is a personal

choice, taken every time we decide what to put into our bodies.

- If the government really had community health first and foremost as a priority, then:
 - The government would MANDATE eating vegetables, healthy protein, fruit, organic wherever possible. I am not suggesting that the government does MANDATE but making the point that this would be a better strategy, and the government can PROMOTE health by promoting healthy choices.
 - The government would have approved EARLY TREATMENTS for Covid-19, which are only now being proclaimed by the Main Stream Media as valid treatments. There are more than 10 early treatment protocols which have been used successfully to treat Covid-19 patients from the first strains to the present main variant which is now a mild one stage event (does not progress to the inflammation stage which featured in Alpha, Delta and early strains).
- Therefore, a better option than continuing to create intolerable conditions for the people of Queensland, is to allow Covid to be treated as per other illnesses. Allow the doctor/patient relationship to go back to what it was rather than what we have had since the State of Emergency and that is a Government/patient relationship. The Government is not a medical professional with a doctor/patient privilege that values privacy of information.

In summary:

1. DEATHS FROM COVID - not a valid reason - less deaths than flu.
2. COVID-19 IS NOW A MILD ILLNESS.
3. THIS STATE OF EMERGENCY IMPACTS ABILITY TO WORK
4. NO COVID-19 EMERGENCY
5. IS THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING WHAT IS BEST FOR QUEENSLANDERS?
6. THE EMERGENCY IS BASED ON A BELIEF IN BEING ABLE TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID
7. HUMAN RIGHTS ARE BEING VIOLATED
8. END THE STATE OF EMERGENCY

WE WILL REMEMBER WHAT THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT DOES NOW AT THE NEXT ELECTION:

I know that I represent many people who will not bother to write and give their opinion, but they share this opinion. I represent at least 10, maybe more. We the people can see that the Queensland State Government has over-reacted in its Covid-19 response by extending the State of Emergency for over 2 years. You now have the chance to listen to the people. We are watching and we will not forget.