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ATT: QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE  
CSCC@PARLIAMENT.QLD.GOV.AU

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

Dear committee,

Please accept my submission herein regarding the extension of the aforementioned expiring provisions. This submission is being made on behalf of myself as a community member, business owner and father within Queensland.

I am triple vaccinated and whilst I strongly support vaccination, I believe that, in the absence of circumstances that would infringe upon the rights and safety of others, individuals should have the right to choose what treatments they will accept.

I hereby strongly oppose the extension of the expiring provisions on the following basis:

- 1) **The Emergency response conditions are no longer present** – this is supported by the fact that it is now acknowledged and accepted that Australia's high rates of vaccination, the low risk to individuals without a pre-existing health issue and the availability of effective treatments for COVID-19 are no longer a threat to the State or Nation.
- 2) **The Social, Economic and Cultural harm caused by ongoing measures** – this is supported by the increased rates of domestic violence, self-harm, depression and suicide within our community as well as the closure of businesses state-wide.
- 3) **The need to restore civil liberties, unity and Australian cultural conditions** – never before in our history has there been such division and segregation. The continuation of many of the health measures is unwarranted and without reasonable consideration of the negative consequences.
- 4) **The need to restore self-determination, individual responsibility and choice for medical treatment and advice** – each person should be able to choose appropriate treatment for themselves and that of their dependents without coercion, social

exclusion or ridicule. The fact that unvaccinated individuals who have been infected with COVID-19 and have natural immunity are not afforded the same freedoms, benefits and respect within our society is appalling.

- 5) **The potential for abuse or compromise of check-in data as well as collected samples (which may include DNA)** – due to the ongoing collection of information and material (such as genetic material through testing) there is a real potential for abuse, whether accidental or deliberate. As an information security professional of over 30 years, I am concerned about what information is and has been captured, who has used (or had access to) it and what current and future threats may arise from this.

SINCERELY,



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