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To: <u>Community Support and Services Committee</u>

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

BILL 2022 (BILL)

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To whom it may concern.

I wish to advise that I do not support the Bill to extend the state of emergency in Oueensland.

The first state of emergency was put in place in January 2020, and despite the measures taken under it, the effects of Covid have been minimal when compared to other diseases and illnesses that threaten the lives of Australians. There is plenty of evidence that has come out recently including government figures. ( see link below)

During the time under the emergency powers many have suffered unduly from mental illnessess leading the high suicide rates and small to medium businesses have suffered with 1000's closing down.

I believe should the Committee not vote against the emergency powers NOT being extended, it and all its' members could be complacent in further injuries and harm caused to individual Australians and businesses and could place them liable in any future lawsuits.

Let common sense prevail and vote NO to extending the emergency powers.

Kind regards

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https://www.health.gov.au/health-alerts/covid-19/case-numbers-and-statistics#cases-and-deaths-by-age-and-sex