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Submission regarding

Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022 (closing date 12:00pm on Friday, 4 March 2022)

I would like to make a submission in regard to the above-mentioned matter.

I am against the extension of the bill and its provisions.

At the start of the here referred to Covid 19 -pandemic, the public was told that measures to stop the spread of the virus had to come into place for a few weeks, which now has been extended to over 2 years and with no end in sight.

The official Covid-19 vaccination rate as per official Qld data (02.03.2022) stands at 90.9%. This high Vaccination rate and all the pandemic measures of mask wearing, social distancing, lockdowns, vaccine-mandates, self-isolation of infected people, stopping so-called unvaccinated people from entering restaurants, pubs and clubs etc. has not stopped the spread of the virus and its ever-evolving variants over the past 2 years, an extension of all these matters till the end of October will not make a difference to the spread of the virus, but will have rather large and ongoing negative impact on the economy of the state and the mental health of the population. This is a statement from <https://www.aihw.gov.au/suicide-self-harm-monitoring/data/suspected-deaths-by-suicide/data-from-suicide-registers>, "While data for Queensland do not show rises in suspected suicide rates compared with previous years, the 2020 iQSR reported that up until 31 July 2020, police officers mentioned COVID-19 in 32 of 454 suspected suicides (7%) (Leske et al. 2020)". Suicide related data for the last calendar year for Qld was not available. Boarder closures caused a great deal of emotional stress to a lot of people due to separation from loved ones and not being able to be close to dying relatives or friends. Patients spend many hours and days alone in hospitals as no one was allowed to visit them. People in nursing homes were placed in the same situation. Patients have been refused treatment by medical providers due to their informed choice of what they put into their body or not, I found myself in this position. Prolonged mask wearing has equally negative health effects – our daughter got anxiety attacks as a result of it and I personally know others who suffered adverse health reactions due to mask wearing and an older person suffering from asthma having being denied a mask exemption by their doctor despite the fact that this person can not breathe while wearing a mask.

The entire population of this state has their freedoms restricted and our rights have been trampled on by elected State Leaders on the advice of a minor few unelected Health Officers, without any public discussion on these matters in general or allowing a discussion by other medical experts in the field of virology or general public health, these measures caused and still causing a great deal of emotional friction within families and communities.

There are reported staff shortages in sectors with Covid 19 vaccination requirements such as the hospital sector, aged care, education, hospitality etc. My frail elderly parents in laws 2x per week in home care has been affected by the staff shortage with less visits of household helpers and a less clean house and more work for them and the rest of the family having to come to their aid. There are also increased reports of businesses in the hospitality industry that have closed down or are close to it due to lack of staff and or patrons.

As for the pandemic itself. I have studied publicly available data (which is rather hard to come by these days, specially for the past pre-covid years) in regard to Covid 19 and similar current and past respiratory infections namely Influenza. I found it rather striking that the state of Qld went from 6034 officially reported cases of Influenza in 2020 and 309

hospitalisations (https://www.health.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0026/961235/influenza-qlld-2020.pdf) to 0 cases of Influenza in 2021 and 3 for 2022. In 2017 – 56584 Queenslanders

reportedly had confirmed cases of Influenza and 277 people alone passed away due to or with Influenza

<https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/by%20Subject/3303.0~2017~Main%20Features~Deaths%20due%20to%20influenza~5> . Where has the influenza disappeared to? Or has the Influenza

been replaced by Covid 19, there have been 540 Covid 19 deaths in Qld since the Government started counting (which could have been Feb 2020), I admit every live lost is tragic, but it would have not been more than that of people passing away after 2 bad Influenza years.

In retrospect it is hard to argue that there has been a Pandemic, as we have not seen a real increase in the overall death toll due to the Covid 19 for the whole of Australia or the rest of the world, all we have seen is an absence of Influenza and an increase in tested “positive cases” for Covid 19 with a rather low death toll in comparison to the Spanish Flue, Small Pox, Black Death and other pandemics in the past. There is a high survival rate for the vast majority of the population of over 95% for Covid 19 and there are several alternative and tested drugs on the market that treat Covid 19 effectively (suppressed by health bureaucrats in this country and worldwide). I believe it is time for people to take responsibility for their own health and choose for themselves if they would like to take part in untested government sponsored emergency authorised gene manipulation drug trials (Covid-19 vaccine), wear face masks, self-isolate etc or get on with their lives, even if it means getting Covid 19 which as stated above has a very high survival rate and can be easily and cost-effective treated even at home with proper information and not disinformation as experienced by my husband and several other acquaintances who had Covid 19, recovered and survived it without any so called vaccinations.

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