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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
Subject: Submission regarding extension to "Emergency Powers" Bill
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Submission to the Community Support and Services Committee RE: PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2022

Purpose

The purpose of this submission is to oppose the proposed extension of the Bill mentioned above. This Bill effectively extends the Queensland Government's "emergency powers" until 31 October 2022 and there are several reasons why this extension is no longer necessary.

Evidence

An extension to the Queensland Government's "emergency powers" is no longer necessary because:

- COVID-19 is not as deadly as initially believed and deaths from COVID-19 (as opposed to "with COVID-19") have been exaggerated throughout the pandemic. Recent data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics indicates that across Australia 2639 people have died as a direct result of COVID-19 and the vast majority (92 percent) had three serious underlying health conditions. Far more Australians have died from other conditions over the past two years. The current mortality rate from COVID-19 is less than, or comparable to, that of seasonal influenza.
- These "emergency powers" have allowed for the creation of a two-tiered society whereby citizens who chose not to be vaccinated against COVID-19 are effectively locked out and discriminated against. Under the auspices of the "emergency powers", unvaccinated Queenslanders are unable to attend a wide range of venues and in many cases are losing their jobs.
- Governments all around the world are abandoning their COVID-19 emergency powers and provisions as they understand that implementation of these powers has not halted the spread of the virus and has been deeply undemocratic. The United Kingdom, for example, effectively abandoned all measures under their emergency powers in February 2022. Government Covid-19 mandates and emergency powers have been, or are in the process of being abandoned, across most Canadian provinces.

I appreciate your consideration of this submission. I can be contacted via email at [REDACTED] and via phone at [REDACTED].

Yours Sincerely,

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