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To: Community Support and Services Committee

Subject: No extension to Emergency Bill until 31st October

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Dear Parliamentarians,

I and many other Australians DO NOT WANT AN EXTENSION TO THE EMERGENCY BILL UNTIL 31ST OCTOBER 2022.

I would never have thought the Australian government would cause a division in our society like they have with the vaccine mandates. Highly skilled people are now out of work because of this. There is now so much wasted knowledge from these skilled workers due to people's private medical status. Is it really anyone else's business if you have had a vaccination or not? NO. I have never had the flu Vax and there are always many deaths from the flu every year. Why wasn't it made mandatory for the flu Vax?

The mandates should never have been introduced. It has caused isolation, loss of income, division in families and much more. I know many people who now have that division in their own family. Mine is one of them. We are now uninvited to weddings due to our vaccination status which is no one else's business other than the people involved. Many people are now isolated and depressed due to no job and no money. Businesses are going under and people are going through bankruptcy. Who cares about these people?

The unvaccinated are now shunned from society and our movements are restricted to essential services. Even if we go to the doctors now, we have to wait outside in the elements and have a member of staff come outside to tell you to go straight into the doctors' room. REALLY. What is the difference sitting in the waiting room like the vaccinated? Everyone has a mask on anyway. It is yet another way to cause that segregation in society.

I have worked as a teacher aide in a local high school for the past 15 years. I cannot work there anymore due to the mandates. There are so many education staff now unemployed. So many years of teaching thrown down the drain. Who suffers from this? The children. They need every one of us who has been terminated or suspended due to these mandates to be back at work.

We have lived with Covid for over 22 months. There have been 273 901 Australians who have sadly passed away. Most of these people were elderly and had previous underlying medical conditions and not just covid. The median age of these covid related deaths is around 84 years of age. What does that tell you?

You have the control to end the mandates today. If you really cared about your fellow Australians and the economic stability of this country, you would do so.

DO NOT EXTEND THE EMERGENCY BILL AND END THE MANDATES NOW.

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