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Community Support and Services

Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022

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I do not support the above Bill.

My reasons are as follows:

- By the expiry date of 31 October 2022, Queenslanders will have been living under a 'state of emergency' for nearly 3 years.
- It is very important to note that the Government's transitional regulation-making powers under Part 9 of the original Emergency Response Act 2020, will remain in place for a further 2 years after the "expiry date". That means near the end of 2024.
- Under the 'state of emergency', Queenslanders have been subjected to extreme amounts of personal stress and trauma. Many businesses have suffered fatally, and Queenslanders have lost their jobs lost and their lives turned upside down.
- We have lost our rights to free speech, the right to peaceful assembly, the right to work, freedom of conscience, bodily autonomy, government transparency and public trust in our institutions.
- Some Queenslanders have been seriously discriminated against and have been unable to access services and generally support their fellow Queenslanders who operate small businesses. The large corporations have flourished while many small businesses have been unable to survive.
- Queenslanders do not have individual freedom. The Government determines who has freedom.
- We are trying to get on with our lives and live with COVID. The statistics recently have shown there are very few Queenslanders in Hospital or suffering seriously with COVID. The current rules don't make sense. It is clear that they have been made up in an Adhoc manner. This is obvious when you see the large supermarkets and food halls open to all, but small business where people are seated and not mingling must ban unvaccinated customers.
- Many overseas countries have relaxed covid restrictions and are offering their citizens methods of treating COVID. Australia needs to start treating it and not trying to shut it out.

- Recent TGA statistics have shown 1% of Australian deaths were attributed to COVID, while 99% were attributed to other causes.
- The so-called pandemic has been exaggerated by the media and politicians. Politicians, especially in Queensland have relished their new found power over the people. They show this by constantly changing rules and regulations, banning this and that, releasing the ban, putting it back on, shutting us down, closing schools. I sincerely believe they are power hungry and punishing those who don't agree with their rhetoric.
- There is enough valid evidence available worldwide now that shows the 'so called' vaccines do not work properly; they are still in test format and many thousands of people are suffering serious side effects from them.
- These powers are detrimental to our freedoms and rights. Politicians need to STOP the fear mongering and let us GET ON WITH OUR LIVES as many other countries around the world are now doing so.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Raymond', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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