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

Subject: PLEASE DO NOT SUPPORT THE BILL TO EXTEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

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Dear Committee Secretary

RE: PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (BILL)

Please DO NOT support the Bill nor the extension of the state of emergency. Queensland was the first state to declare a state of emergency (SOE) on 29 January 2020. This means that if the SOE laws are extended from 30 April 2022 to 31 October 2022, Queenslanders will have been under a SOE for nearly three years.

The Omricon variant peak is over and we are 'living with the virus' and the emergency powers are NO LONGER REQUIRED.

Please DO NOT support this extension, and end the SOE laws immediately.

Regards

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