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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
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To the Elected Representatives of the Queensland Government,

I implore the government NOT to pass the bill allowing for the extension of emergency powers until October 2022... nor any extension at all.

I would ask the government to prove how exactly Queensland is in a state of emergency with covid cases decreasing, much of the world removing restrictions altogether and hospitals having been saved from the mass stress that was the great fear at the start of the pandemic.

The burden of proof for the need of these powers lies with the government to demonstrate to its people BEFORE such a bill is passed. Passing such a bill WITHOUT proof of a VALID emergency only serves to fuel conspiracy theories and an increased distrust of our leaders.

An accurate calculation of the cost of the implementation of the COVID restrictions made possible by the emergency powers (including: mental health, relationship breakdown, small/medium size business failures, personal financial hardship, suicide, inhibited childhood development, child abuse, domestic violence, adverse reactions to the vaccine, terminated employment as a result of vaccine mandates, increase in non-covid illness and disease, divisions within society, loss of trust in government, media and larger corporations... the list continues) as opposed the actual effects of the virus must be made and data made available to the QLD public. Only such measures could assist in regaining trust in Queensland's government.

Any leader who was fully open and transparent as to any mistakes that had been made - deliberate or otherwise would surely garner the trust and loyalty of a public that is desperate for honesty and fullness of information with open conversation allowed and encouraged.

The future of our once beautiful democracy is at stake.

Thank you for considering the views of the people you represent,

Sally Townsend



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