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Community Support & Services Committee
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To whom it may concern,

I am emailing to state my objection to the extension of powers as detailed in the "Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022", based on the view that it is a gross and unacceptable overreach of power.

Data does not support the need for powers

According to the 15 February report released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, in the period from January 2020 - October 2021, there were 2 556 deaths directly from covid, representing approximately 1% of total deaths in Australia for that time period. Of the deaths from covid, 2.7% of these were attributable to Queensland, with the vast majority being in the age group of 70 and above.

Considering these facts, implementing wide scale restrictions including mask and vaccine mandates serves no benefit, but conversely imposes negative social, economic and mental health implications, particularly on the youngest age-groups, and most vulnerable sectors of society. Countries around the world are following the updated science (masks; vaccines; transmission) and pandemic circumstances (Omicron) and removing restrictions. How then can Queensland's emergency powers be viewed as any more than a power play?

Discriminatory, ineffective and unjustified use of powers

One such example of the unjustifiable restrictions imposed under these emergency powers is the requirement for teachers, health care workers and police officers to be double vaccinated to be able to continue working. Yet, it is now widely understood, and stated by the Pfizer CEO himself, that double vaccination provides "very limited protection, if any" (Bourla, 2022). How can it be any more than punishment if unvaccinated individuals are prohibited from working and serving the community when their double vaccinated colleagues are able to do so even when their vaccination status is providing little to no protection against acquiring or transmitting the virus? Furthermore, vaccinated workers who get covid are able to isolate for 7 days and then return to work even when still exhibiting mild symptoms and still producing positive test results. This is not based on science, nor logic, but is purely a disciplinary measure against those who have chosen to abstain from a medical procedure that is still in trial phase.

Vaccines are not safe and effective

Despite the constant rhetoric from the government that the vaccines are 'safe and effective' the data shows that this in fact is not the case. The report "Cumulative analysis of post-authorization adverse event reports of PF-07302048 (BNT162B2) received through 28-Feb-2021" details nine (9) pages of adverse reactions. How can an individual's freedom of choice and right to continue living and working in society be taken away if they do not undertake a medical procedure with extensively documented (even one year ago) adverse reactions? The government is at best misleading and at worst dishonest if they continue to make the

blanket statement that they are safe and effective. This alone should be enough for the mandates to be removed.

In conclusion, I reiterate my strong opposition to the extension of the 'Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022' due to the clear and apparent violations of the Human Rights Act 2019 that continue to be imposed on individuals under the guise of a pandemic emergency.

Kind regards,

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