

SUBMISSIONS AGAINST - PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION  
(EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2022

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to express my anger and frustration at the proposed extension of this Bill -as per below- that I do not support. The provisions in this Bill are a complete overreach of Qld State Government power and are no longer required.

- further extend the operation of essential public health measures implemented to facilitate Queensland's response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- extend amendments to the *Corrective Services Act 2006*, *Disaster Management Act 2003* and *Mental Health Act 2016* to support the public health response.

The temporary measures which are to be further extended include:

- amendments to the *Public Health Act 2005* to increase powers for emergency officers and the Chief Health Officer to limit, or respond to, the spread of COVID-19 in Queensland, support testing and quarantine requirements and authorise other public health measures;
- amendments to the *Corrective Services Act 2006*, *Disaster Management Act 2003* and *Mental Health Act 2016* to support the public health response;
- a head of power in the *COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020* to make regulations to facilitate transitional arrangements for the temporary framework.

Vaccination mandates must cease immediately. People should be allowed to make personal health choices without coercion and the threat of losing their jobs, income, and other privileges. The Qld State Government say that they care about the people of Queensland. If that is true, then they should allow people to make their own health decisions without being punished. The fact that unvaccinated people across Australia are being discriminated against is absolutely disgusting and heartbreaking. Everyone knows that vaccination does not stop the spread of Covid so stop ruining people lives with your heavy-handed ways.

I have observed that:

- Of all the people I know who have contracted Covid 19 since December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, only two were unvaccinated and recovered completely and quickly while the rest were fully vaccinated and suffered a worst case and are still not fully recovered.
- I know someone who had a terrible reaction to the second dose of vaccine where she experienced the worst pain she has ever had in her body. She says that she would choose the pain of childbirth over the pain she experienced. She had to get the vaccine to keep her job as have many other Queenslanders and this is not ok on any level.
- Relationships have broken down and there is division in the community over these mandates.
- Our family is now trying to live on one income which is completely unjust and would not be happening if we could make our own decisions regarding our health. Other vaccinations are not mandated, and neither should this one.
- The whole situation is totally outrageous and must stop.

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Mandating masks is not the answer either. Masks do not stop the spread as not all masks work the same way and not all are worn properly. People are reusing the same masks over and over, day after day, and are just breathing their own breath back into their lungs. We have been taught as children not to breathe in the carbon dioxide that we breathe out and now we are being made to do this by having to wear these pointless masks. They are a health and mental health hazard not to mention an environmental nightmare. Wearing a mask should be a personal choice.

My experience through conversations and observations is that:

- people are just not wearing them as they know they don't work, and they start feeling panicky at the thought of wearing them.
- If they are wearing them it's because they are fearful of catching Covid and what the Government will do if they are caught without one. It's disgraceful that people are being made to feel that way.
- I have been to a gathering with thousands of people where there was no social distancing, no mask wearing, and most people were unvaccinated, and I came away from there completely well and have had no illness whatsoever months later.

Lockdowns cause the community a lot of unnecessary stress and anxiety. Community and relationships break down and the home environment is often not a pleasant one. Essential workers must deal with the upset of young children having to go to school when hardly any other students are there and learning from home is not conducive for every family, especially not for extended periods.

- I used to work in a school and my primary school aged son would run to his room in tears when I would inform him that I had to go to work, and he would have to go to school. This is not a positive situation children should have to endure at any time.
- I have been informed by teacher aids that many students with special needs do not cope with home learning and just don't do the work which then means they are behind when school resumes in person.

If we are supposed to be 'living with Covid' then let us get on with living with it as we do the flu.

Stop destroying people's lives and causing undue heartache. Let us live our lives free of fear.

On behalf of all the Queenslanders whose human rights and choices you have taken away – WE WILL NOT FORGET.

Sincerely yours,

Amy Cairns

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