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Committee Secretary
Community Support and Services Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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To The Community Support and Services Committee,

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

I do not support the extension of Emergency Provisions in relation to the management of COVID in Queensland.

From the 17th of December 2021, Queensland became segregated. Mandates, check-ins, proof of vaccination were introduced to slow the spread of COVID when borders opened. In the following two months this is what happened in Queensland:

- Case numbers jumped from 2,227 to 532,273
- Fully vaccinated status increased from 83.6 per cent to 90.6 per cent
- Unvaccinated exiled and movements restricted
- 8,031 average cases per day, showing no discrimination between vaccinated and unvaccinated.

The tragedy in Australia:

- Over 22 months of COVID, there have been 2,639 COVID related deaths
- 92 percent of the COVID related deaths had three serious underlying conditions
- The median age of COVID related deaths was 81 years for men and 86 years for women.

The reality:

- In Australia in 2019, 4,124 people died of the flu, a far worse death toll
- In Australia, life expectancy was 81.2 years for males and 85.3 for females in 2018-2020
- In Queensland, 4,000 highly trained health care workers were stood down with the introduction of mandates
- Resources channelled into the policing of mandates, instead of caring for the sick and the ageing population
- Business have suffered with the loss of staff and customers.

My reality:

- I am unable to teach, a job I love dearly
- Our household income has halved, putting a strain on our finances
- I am segregated from family and friends
- I daily struggle with my mental health.

For the sake of the many people suffering both vaccinated and unvaccinated, it's time to end the emergency powers. The emergency powers have served a purpose of giving Queensland time to prepare for a COVID spread but it's now time for them to end and life to get back to a new normal.

Regards,

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