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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
Subject: RE: PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (BILL)
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Committee Secretary

Community Support and Services Committee

Dear Committee Secretary,

How are you?

As a North Queensland local and small business owner, I wanted to email and let you know how a small business like mine in North Queensland is going to be effected by the plans of a state of emergency (SOE) has been falsely declared and upheld in Queensland for 2 years and the Queensland Government now seeks to further extend the SOE in Queensland until October 2022. I am emailing you today to please reject the bill and the extension to the state of emergency.

I have been working in my business in the wedding industry for the last 20 years, I do not earn a lot of money from my work though I enjoy my job. Since the covid crisis my business has suffered terribly like many in North Queensland. Many of my interstate clients cancelled or rescheduled their weddings and all of my international clients cancelled. My business has been running on small local jobs and some interstate visitors.

There is the promise of that if I vaccinate, my business will go back to normal, however my family and I have seen the devastating side effects of what the older style vaccines can do and we are not interested to be trying out this experimental vaccine which is for a virus with a 98.9% recovery rate. I contracted the Omricon strain of Covid 19 in January and found it was a mild flu, many of my friends and clients also contracted Covid 19 and everyone weather vaccinated or unvaccinated have all said this flu is nothing to be scared of and certainly does not warrant a state of emergency. I have decided to decline the offer for vaccines, which is my personal choice and human right.

However my business has suffered terribly because of my choice not to vaccinate. The Qld Premier had said from December the 17th I cannot go to any of my booked weddings unvaccinated unless there is under 20 guests (including me). I had to tell all of my booked clients for 2022 I may not be able to come to their wedding unless the emergency act changes, many of my clients decided to cancel their booking with me and I have had to pay back \$100s of dollars in deposit refunds. I am healthy and well able to go to their weddings, so it seems very unfair and unlawful to have a mandate that says I cannot attend their wedding for work. I do not understand the reasoning behind this. I will be left with debts that I have struggled to pay back to clients and they in turn will need to find a new vaccinated photographer. All of my clients said they were pro choice and did not feel unsafe to keep me as their photographer, they are just not allowed due to the Government mandates in the Wedding industry.

I am asking you honourable committee secretary to stand up for your Queensland small

businesses in Queensland so we can get on with our lives without these draconian laws. Please help push back against the corruption of power and false justification for the state of emergency. Please lift all and every mandate that is currently in place for Queensland.

I hope you can help.

Regards

Mrs Alison Jones

