



To Whom It May Concern,

**RE : STATE OF EMERGENCY QUEENSLAND – DO NOT EXEND UNTIL 31 OCTOBER 2022**

I am writing this submission requesting that you do not support the request to extend the Emergency Powers in Queensland until October 2022 and have outlined my reasons below.

**ABS Data**

The latest data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics clearly shows that the number of deaths in Australia caused by COVID-19 suggests that we have little to concern ourselves with. Since March 2020, 273,901 Australians have died but only 2.639 were COVID related with 92% of those having underlying conditions. The median age of COVID related deaths was 81 years for men and 86 years for women. Whilst this is a tragedy it is hardly a reason to support the extension to the State of Emergency.

**Vaccine Mandates**

The vaccine mandates that the Queensland government has in place does very little to 'stop the spread' and in fact does more harm than good. Many hardworking Australians in all industries, including teaching, law enforcement, medical workers and even supermarket workers have lost their jobs due to the fact they are unwilling to be vaccinated. They have a right to make that decision. They should not be stopped from putting food earning a living and contributing to the community because of this mandate, especially when the population of Queensland has over 90% vaccinated yet we still have recorded well over 500, 000 cases. It is clear that the vaccination is not working and spreads whether you are vaccinated or unvaccinated.

**Segregated Society**

The mandate has made no difference to stopping the spread but it has made a difference to the society we live in. There is segregation in society and division between those who are vaccinated and those who are not. This is not an inclusive Australia where people should be free to make their own medical choices and supported for that. Their medical information is private, yet we are now all required to show it to a waitress before we can dine in an establishment. The effort in policing this is a waste of resources and should be used to progress Queensland and not take it back in time where discrimination was acceptable. We are better that that -is this the society we want to live in going forward?

**Conclusion**

The time for a State of Emergency for COVID 19 is well over. It has surpassed it's used by date and should not be extended. The harm it is causing everyday Queenslanders is unnecessary and as stated below is ineffective in stopping COVID from spreading.

The State of Emergency in Queensland has served its purpose there is no moral or legal reason for its extension. Let's all get back to normal and end the State of Emergency for Queenslanders.

Regards

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