

Submission to object the Extension of Emergency Powers.

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This submission **OBJECTS** any and all Extensions of Emergency Powers.

Main Points

1. COVID-19 no longer an emergency
2. COVID-19 has been exaggerated in the media
3. Lockdowns proven to have done more harm than good
4. COVID-19 has divided Australians regarding vaccine mandates
5. I personally have lost connections to friends who praise Qld Health despite scientific evidence on masks mandates, vaccine efficacy and transmission rebutting much of what is being enforced in Qld.

Remedy Requests

1. Qld Health and Qld Government to apologies for the mistakes made in a changing environment
2. Drop ALL vaccine mandates in accordance with new research (numerous countries have done this it is time to Queensland and Australia to lead)
3. Drop ALL mask mandates in accordance with new research (acknowledging this comes into effect for some scenarios)
4. Make an active effort to revive democracy and listen to the Australian people

Emergency

Emergency is defined by the Dictionary of Cambridge as *“something dangerous or serious, such as an accident, that happens suddenly or unexpectedly and needs fast action in order to avoid harmful results”*.

‘Dangerous and Serious’

- In March 2020, the coronavirus may have been regarded as ‘dangerous and serious’ as we did not have the data and analysis we have now
- The data we now have in March 2022 allows us to conclude that, particularly in the instance of the Omicron variant, we now know that calling COVID-19 ‘dangerous and serious’ is outdated and unnecessarily fear invoking.
- To regard a virus as dangerous and serious, one might argue that it is a virus that affects the majority of the population in a dangerous and serious way.
- The ABS found that COVID-19 accounted for 1% of total deaths between the start of the pandemic and 31 January 2022
- This is clear evidence that the virus is no longer ‘dangerous and serious’.

Source: <https://www.abs.gov.au/articles/covid-19-mortality-australia#key-statistics>

Example of Emergency Powers ineffectiveness

Lockdowns

- Metanalyses have also shown that the implications of such extreme government measures including lockdowns, were overall more harmful than the effects of COVID-19.
- “A literature review and meta-analysis of the effects of lockdowns on COVID-19 mortality” carried out by The Johns Hopkins Institute for Applied Economics, Global Health, and the Study of Business Enterprise states:
- *“We find no evidence that lockdowns, school closures, border closures, and limiting gatherings have had a noticeable effect on COVID-19 mortality”.*

Source: <https://sites.krieger.jhu.edu/iae/files/2022/01/A-Literature-Review-and-Meta-Analysis-of-the-Effects-of-Lockdowns-on-COVID-19-Mortality.pdf>

Vaccination Mandates

- The government has done a tremendous job at instilling further division amongst the community.
- The unvaccinated remain excluded from supporting business and further, excluded from volunteering and assisting in the Brisbane Flood devastations.
- The vaccination requirements have not been effective in stopping transmission, with little evidence to conclude it has had any impact on severity particularly for against untested variants for Delta and Omicron
- The vaccine mandates have however, been effective in dividing the community,
- The vaccine mandates have also been effective in negatively impacting the economy and ensuring small business have less avenues for revenue.
- Pfizer CEO, Albert Bourla stated *“we know that the two doses of the vaccine offer very limited protection, if any”*. If the person who arguably profits the most from the Pfizer vaccine doubts double-dose, than why would the government enforce mandates based on double-dosage?

Personal Experience

Not that my background should matter, everyone should be treated as an equal human however here is my background and personal experience

- Living in apartment in Bowen Hills
- Work from home part time 9-5
- Part-time study to be an Occupational Therapist – I have now had to undertake study externally and am not allowed on campus due to University of Queensland mandates (the state of Qld has done nothing regarding the medical discrimination in the human right to receive education).
- Cannot use the campus facilities that are included in my UQ fees
- Family history of pericarditis (common vaccine side effect underplayed in the media and anyone who speaks of these experiences regarding side effects are named ‘anti-vaxxers’ spreading misinformation.
- Women’s health issues, making me vaccine hesitant (now Pfizer leaked documents provide this is warranted hesitancy as the vaccine ‘spontaneous abortion’ rates were 82% up from an average of 12% in the Pfizer clinical trials).

- Have been divided from friends named 'anti-vaxxer' due to the media's portrayal of those vaccine hesitant.
- Cannot support any local business – cannot sit down at a café to study.
- Lost complete faith in the Qld government.