From:

To: Community Support and Services Committee

**Subject:** Feedback: Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022

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## Dear Committee Secretary,

I am writing to provide feedback regarding the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022, that has been referred to the Community Support and Services Committee for consideration.

As a Queensland resident, I DO NOT want an extension to the Emergency Bill until 31st October 2022, for the following reasons;

- According to the Australia Bureau of Statistics, the total number of Queenslanders who died from Covid19 up until Jan 2022, was 69 out of a population of approximately 5.2 million people. Considering the extension of powers is partly based on COVID death numbers, this figure alone is enough to justify the ceasing of Emergency Powers immediately.
- Most deaths due to COVID-19 in Australia, have other serious conditions listed on the death certificate (91.4%). Therefore, for almost all of the Queensland population, COVID-19 does not pose a serious risk. Again, this data justifies the ceasing of Emergency Powers immediately.
- The emergency powers used by the Queensland Government throughout this pandemic, including excessive vaccination mandates in areas such as schools, have been a severe over-reaction that has had catastrophic impacts on families and small businesses across the state. The longer these Emergency Provisions continue, the greater the harm done to many families and small business owners across the state.
- We are clearly in the "endemic" stage of this virus, where it poses no significant risk to the lives of Queenslanders. Therefore extending the emergency powers any longer is entirely un-warranted.

I can find no reason that adequately justifies the acceptance or approval of, the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022.

Thank you for giving due consideration to my feedback.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Katie Goschnick

