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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
Subject: Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022
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To the Committee Secretary,

I am writing in response to the proposed Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022.

My family and I are opposed and do not support any extension of the state of emergency that we have been under since 29 January 2020.

We understand that we were in a very uncertain time when the SOE was declared here in Queensland but now is the time to allow us back our jobs and freedoms that were stripped away in the name of public health.

In fact this continuation of powers has ironically seriously affected the health and well being of Queenslanders by the prolonged locked downs affecting businesses, stopping us visiting our loved ones and now the loss of jobs via the discriminatory vaccine mandates, just to name a few.

The devastating effect on our lives has been immense and cannot be underestimated.

We have had enough, our freedoms have been seriously eroded and mistrust of government is rising. We have been subject to rapidly changing orders for two years now, many are illogical and at odds with other states in the Commonwealth.

Here for example in QLD an unvaccinated person may enter a library but not an art gallery, I know which one is more frequented and densely occupied at any one time.

Internationally (such as the UK, Sweden, Denmark) many are now living with Covid, as Omicron is notably and widely recognised by experts as being very contagious and much milder.

We here in Australia and Queensland are experiencing the same virus with the same outcomes, so there can be no excuse to hang on to these powers.

There is no need for 'transitional arrangements' to be made as an excuse to extend the SOE.

We are very capable of managing our freedoms once you return them to us.

The vaccine mandates in particular have been very damaging to us as a nation and a state causing deep rifts at every level of our society, this is unacceptable and distressing.

They have contradicted the Australian Immunisation Handbook for valid vaccine consent: 'It must be given voluntarily in the absence of undue pressure, coercion or manipulation.'

I do not understand how the SOE powers can override this very clear direction written in the spirit of democracy.

You are in a position of government with a great responsibility to serve us the people of Queensland, please consider your decisions carefully and uphold our democratic freedoms, just as we will be considering our decisions carefully at the upcoming elections.

Surely in good conscience you cannot allow this Bill to pass.

Thankyou for your service to Queenslanders.

Yours sincerely,

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