I am writing to state that I am <u>against</u> the extension to the emergency bill till October 31st 2022. That would mean QLD has been in a State of Emergency for nearly 3 years. This is an overreach of power that is impacting on people's rights to earn an income, travel freely and take part in society. The goalposts have continually been moved, people and businesses are at breaking point, or past breaking point. The number of small businesses closed in my local area in the past 6 months is disturbing. We have an incredibly high vaccination rate, so why the need for such harsh and controlling measures?

<u>In summary</u>:

1. COVID-19 IS NOW A MILD ILLNESS.

2. DEATHS FROM COVID VS TGA REPORTED ADVERSE EVENTS.

- 3. THIS STATE OF EMERGENCY IMPACTS ABILITY TO WORK AND EARN INCOME
- 4. NO COVID-19 EMERGENCY
- 5. IS THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING WHAT IS BEST FOR QUEENSLANDERS?
- 6. END THE STATE OF EMERGENCY

For the last 2 years Queenslanders have been:

- * locked down
- * fear and manipulation driven into all
- * coerced into having a 'voluntary' vaccine
- * small businesses lost
- * elderly isolated and dying alone
- * people and children restricted from medical and psychological treatment
- * students homeschooled and missed opportunities
- * places of worship closed
- *international borders closed and families separated
- * loss of jobs due to mandates (NEVER recommended by ATAGI or the Nation's CHO)

All for our PM, who has recently been diagnosed with Covid, to tell us that Covid is like a 'flu' And yet my local Labour State MP Joan Pease tells me in correspondence that the unvaccinated will likely die if they contract covid. I feel MPs personal bias and competitive party policy has more to do with this than actual science.

REASONS FOR MY POSITION ON THE MATTER:

1. COVID-19 IS NOW A MILD ILLNESS:

- Omicron is now a mild illness. Yet teachers with medical exemptions and natural immunity are still not allowed back on site. Where is the Science behind this?
- *Reference:130 Research Studies Affirming The Power of Natural COVID Immunity. <u>https://thepulse.one/2021/11/23/130-research-studies-affirming-the-power-of-natural-immunity-to-covid/</u> Epidemiologist Dr Paul Elias Alexander is a former assistant professor at McMaster University in evidence-based medicine and research...
- If the QLD hospital system was in better shape there perhaps wouldn't have been such a concern we could handle cases. This needs to be rectified by the Government.

2. DEATHS FROM COVID:

- The latest Australian Bureau of Statistics information states that over 22 months of Covid, 273,901 Australians died. However, of these deaths only 2,639 people were Covid related with 92% of these having 3 serious underlying conditions.
- Some 100,000 died of cancer, 32,999 died of heart disease, 30,000 dies of Alzheimer's and dementia; and 10,000 died of diabetes.
- Covid related deaths represent fewer than one per cent of the total deaths in Australia over the past 22 months.
- The median age of death was 81 years for mean and 86 years for women. Both of these are above our national average life span.

• Far more people died from the flu than Covid. We had 2,639 Covid deaths over 22 months. However, over a period of 12 months in 2019, 4,124 people died of the flu. That is a far worse death toll than the Covid death toll. ABS website figures.

• The vaccination mandate in Queensland began on 17 December 2021, when we had 2,227 cases and a fully vaccinated status of 83.6%. Just over 2 months late, Covid cases in Qld had jumped to 532,273 with a fully vaccinated status of 90.6%. Since the mandate started in Qld, the state has averaged 8,031 new cases per day. During the same period, the number in the state who are unvaccinated has fallen from 16.4% to 9.4%, yet we have recorded 530,000 new cases.

• This data shows that the MANDATE IS A COMPLETE WASTE OF TIME. IT HAS MADE ZERO DIFFERENCE TO STOPPING THE SPREAD OF COVID THROUGH QLD.

• Queensland has made the Covid health response worse by standing down 4,000 highly trained health workers and we have lost specialised staff in aged care and home care services, as well as police, paramedics, teachers, etc and shut down businesses due to mandates.

- TGA ADVERSE EVENTS REPORTED speak for themselves. These are young people being injured and unable to work after having these vaccines.
- The 5.3.6 CUMULATIVE ANALYSIS OF POST-AUTHORIZATION ADVERSE EVENT REPORTS BY PFIZER just released is truly shocking on its own, including 1223 deaths.

3. THIS STATE OF EMERGENCY IMPACTS ABILITY TO WORK:

• I am a teacher and I need to get back to work. I am suspended and not allowed on site due to my choice not to take a medical intervention that does not stop me from catching Covid. I then had Covid and was not very ill. As above, I now have natural immunity and I have a temporary medical exemption as per ATAGI guidelines.

• I am a language teacher and our Year 11 class now has 33 students in it. How many other cases are like this, where the education of students is being affected because healthy teachers are not allowed to work? We are suspended and not allowed on site, because we have not taken a medical procedure. There are thousands of us.

• Mandates on doctors, nurses, paramedics, police officers, supermarket workers, etc must be lifted as these people need to return to work. Threatening people with their livelihood does not serve the community health, it creates division, takes away our human rights, promotes Discrimination, is unfair, unjust, is not about health, is coercive.

• It is coercive to DEMAND that I am vaccinated to do my job. The Australian Immunisation Handbook states that there must be full valid and informed consent given without coercion or pressure. I cannot consent while I am threatened with my job.

4. NO COVID-19 EMERGENCY:

• There is no emergency. The recent weather event which has caused flooding in the South East Region has shown that the fear of Covid is over. Flooding is the real emergency the government must be focused on right now.

• There have been no excess deaths compared to the yearly seasonal flu. In fact, the Australian deaths from Covid **only** (not with Covid) are under 100 (according to government's revised figures).

• The reported large Case numbers since the Covid-19 outbreak in Australia that are promoted are not evidence of illness. A case is a positive test result. It does not state that someone is ill. People I know were testing positive and were completely fine. Positive test results were sometimes false positives (as PCR tests have been found by overseas countries like Portugal, UK, USA, etc to be unreliable in their ability to distinguish between the flu and Covid-19).

• There is no Covid-19 emergency. The UK and other countries have dropped all Covid restrictions, so why is Queensland still considering this extension?

5. IS THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING WHAT IS BEST FOR QUEENSLANDERS?

• The Queensland Government is a servant of the people.

• <u>People are tired of government restrictions which take away our right to cross borders, to</u> <u>talk with our neighbours, to celebrate our personal celebrations, be they weddings, funerals,</u> <u>birthdays, etc. attend our kids school events, see our dying relatives.</u>

6. END THE STATE OF EMERGENCY

- There is <u>no good reason</u> to continue with the STATE OF EMERGENCY. The hospital system should be able to cope. This is not the people's concern government needs to sort that out.
- Allow citizens autonomy over their bodies no coercion to be forced to have a medical treatment.
- I could find many more reasons: such as the impact on mental health of the harsh controls imposed on people by the government under these emergency powers. Suicide was the leading cause of premature death in 2020.
- Families need to get back to normal life. We need to remember that our health is a personal choice, taken every time we decide what to put into our bodies.
- If the government really cared about our health then:
 - The government would MANDATE eating vegetables, healthy protein, fruit, organic wherever possible.

• The government would have approved EARLY TREATMENTS for Covid-19, which are only now being proclaimed by the Main Stream Media as valid treatments. There are more than 10 early treatment protocols which have been used successfully to treat Covid-19 patients from the first strains to the present main variant which is now a mild one stage event (does not progress to the inflammation stage which featured in Alpha, Delta and early strains).

• Therefore, a better option than continuing to create intolerable conditions for the people of Queensland, is to allow Covid to be treated as per other illnesses. Allow the doctor/patient relationship to go back to what it was rather than what we have had since the State of Emergency and that is a Government/patient relationship.

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