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Regarding Bill for Extension of Emergency Bill for QLD

I DO NOT want an Extension to the Emergency Bill for the following reasons:

- Firstly, I want to say that every death, for whatever reason, is tragic. That said, there are statistics released recently from the ABS (Australian Bureau of Stats) that are important to note as they provide perspective on this issue: over the 22 months of Covid, 273,901 Australians died, however, of these deaths only 2,639 were related to Covid with 92% of these having 3 or more serious underlying conditions. Some 100,000 died of cancer, 32,000 died of heart disease, 30,000 died of Alzheimer's and dementia, and 10,000 of diabetes. Covid related deaths represent less than 1% of the overall deaths in Australia in the last 22 months – and that is not allowing for the distinction between those dying OF Covid as opposed to those dying WITH Covid. Further, the median age for Covid related deaths was 81 years old for males and 86 years old for females.
- So there have been 2,639 covid related deaths in the last 22 months according to the ABS. Compare this to the 12 months of 2019 when 4,124 people died from flu, which is a far larger number. All this information can also be found on the ABS website.
- QLD started the vaccination based mandates/directions on 17th December 2021. At that time, those with a fully vaccinated status were 83.6% and there were 2,227 cases. This jumped to 532,273 cases in QLD in just over 2 months later, at which point the vaccination rate was 90.6%.
- We have been repeatedly told by the QLD Government that the risks are from the unvaccinated and therefore unvaccinated individuals have been removed from jobs, segregated from cafes, hospitals, etc. It is repeatedly implied that the unvaccinated are the ones spreading Covid, which is clearly untrue from the ABS statistics.
- To further back this up, The Lancet posted an article following a study which showed “that the impact of vaccination on community transmission of circulating variants of SARS-CoV-2 appeared to be not significantly different from the impact among unvaccinated people.” – full article available here - [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS1473-3099\(21\)00768-4/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS1473-3099(21)00768-4/fulltext)
- As a result of the QLD mandates, 10's of thousands of people have lost their jobs, taken huge financial hits and/or committed suicide, not to mention the high levels of stress for everyone which doesn't need evidencing as we have all witnessed it in our lives.
- Considering the figures above, the QLD Government has NOT been implementing policies to protect the most vulnerable – reminding you that the median age for Covid related deaths was 81 years old for males and 86 years old for females.
- Finally, with so many cases through QLD, and many more that simply do not know they even had it, a significant number of Queenslanders will now have natural anti-bodies to Covid and this, along with the above statistics shows that whatever threat there was, is no longer applicable. The public is well aware of what precautions they need to take if they are concerned.

There is NO REASON to extend the Emergency Bill and MANY REASONS to let us get back to our businesses, jobs, families and life.

In good faith and hope,

Yours sincerely,
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