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**To:** [Community Support and Services Committee](#)  
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Dear Committee Secretary

My name is James Mitchell. I am a high school learning support aide, a husband and a soon-to-be dad, and I am writing to state that I DO NOT want an Extension to the Emergency Bill (until 31st October 2022).

Based on the latest ABS data and the fact that omicron is now the dominant strain, I believe it is time for Queensland to abolish the mandates and return to normal.

#### COVID DEATH DATA

The latest data from the ABS highlights how over the 22 months of COVID only 2639 people died with COVID, of whom 92% had three serious underlying conditions. The distinction of dying WITH covid and not solely DUE TO covid is essential. Given that the median age of COVID deaths was 81 and 86 for men and women respectively, it is quite clear that COVID does not pose a serious public health risk.

The vaccination mandates (which were only introduced when the state was already 83.6% double dosed) did not prevent a COVID wave in early 2022. The number of cases still skyrocketed. Therefore, those who remain unvaccinated are being excluded from society for no justifiable reason. This is discrimination and segregation.

The only measurable impact of the mandates is the economic impact on businesses and families who have lost their clients and jobs.

When other infectious conditions (such as the flu) kill more people than COVID, it is clear that the extreme measures taken to prevent COVID are excessive and unnecessary. As the rest of the world begin to relax and abolish restrictions, it is time for us to follow suit and stop.

#### PERSONAL IMPACTS

On a personal level, the mandates have caused my pregnant wife to take maternity leave very early at only ~20 weeks pregnant or else lose her job. This results in her losing about 16 weeks worth of income. (We made the decision to wait until there is more long-term data on the vaccine as we did not want to risk our unborn child.)

And for me, I did not want to be vaccinated given the the known increased risks of heart conditions in young men. I would have rather risked catching covid (which has a very high survival rate for my age bracket) than risked a permanent heart condition.

However, as we could not afford to both lose our jobs, I felt coerced by the state into receiving an injection that I did not want. (The “choice” between feeding my family or vaccination is not a real choice.)

The fear-mongering about COVID, vaccination mandates, etc. has caused separation in our family, friend and colleague groups. This has lead to social isolation in addition to the physical isolation.

I call on the government to immediately end the mandates as they are not justified by the

current science and are doing more harm than good.

Kind regards,  
James Mitchell

