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Committee Secretary

Community Support and Services

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Dear Committee Secretary,

RE: PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS)  
AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (BILL)

I am writing to express my concern and opposition to the extension of the state of emergency in Queensland. To keep my email as succinct as possible, I outline my concerns in point form.

- Under the original Act, these powers were strictly time-limited and set to expire after only 14 days. They were never intended for such a prolonged duration.
- We have already suffered the SOE laws for too long, and to extend them for another 6 months will bring it to almost 3 years of living in a “state of emergency”.
- The policies implemented to deal with the pandemic have been arguably worse and more detrimental than the pandemic itself.
- Other countries and cities around the world which have **not** implemented such policies, including mask mandates, border closures, lockdowns, business closures, mandatory QR sign-in, travel bans, strict social distancing rules etc, have demonstrated that such measures have been futile.
- The policies implemented infringe on our basic rights, freedoms and democracy itself.
- The SOE gives unreasonable power to members of the government, ie. Health Minister and Chief Medical Officer, who have not been elected by the people.

I ask that the bill and the extension to the state of emergency are rejected.

Sincerely,

Chantal Cabale

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