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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
Subject: Opposition to Extension of Emergency Bill
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am choosing to write of my objection to the Extension of the Emergency Bill. I am opposed to the mandates and have been significantly impacted as a teacher who has continuously worked the front line at both my children's primary school and our local high school throughout the past two years. The mandates have raised many concerns for me around the breakdown of our society, mental wellbeing of our youth and teachers in particular, and our children's future. As a science education specialist, my reasons outlined below are a result of my experiences and are focussed on my role as a professional.

GOOD SCIENCE

Having dedicated my life to good future science, integrity of the word "science" itself is at stake.

- Good science IS questioning.
Throughout this pandemic, there are no questions allowed. Questioning is what makes science 'Science'. Questioning is at the core of every scientific experience. If I am being asked, as a teacher, to NOT ALLOW my students to question or discuss the current world events that they are a part of, and they are the future leaders of... If I am being told that as a part of my teaching profession, I am not able to model the processes of good science, by asking questions, then I choose to stand by the future of good science and step aside as the community mourn for the loss of another great teacher. With worldwide censorships and punishments being administered for questioning, where is the science? How do I stand by this movement towards the loss of the word "science" in our society?
- Good science acknowledges difference.
Science allows for analysis of difference (except in the case of COVID it seems). Like many healthy teachers who have been impacted by mandates, I devote time to my wellbeing. My immune system is nurtured and cared for, my body is treated with respect and I model and encourage this as a teacher. We are the strong teachers who have always supported autonomy in every sense. It goes hand in hand with equality and respect when acting within any society, and is a critical component of self understanding and mental wellbeing. Our absences from classrooms this year have been met with nothing but disappointment from our school communities. We are the ones who empower and are not fearful for our health, the exact message that our fearful communities need to be supported by at this point in time. We are the healthy, happy people who have been taken away from the highly stressed place where we are needed most. We have the support from our communities as we stand up for the future autonomy of young people. We model a demand for equality and emit a respect for others and the situation we have here, as we continue to hold a supportive space for students, parents and colleagues suffering with mental health. All the while being discriminated against for every part of our lives including taking our families on completely isolated camping holidays where we literally see no people for a week. We ARE different!!! We are not playing along with the damaging narratives in the media, we are the carers of our community vegetable gardens, we live and breathe healthy choices, and we legally have the right to say "no thanks" to an UNTRIALLED DRUG!! Mandating a vaccination as a 'one size fits all' approach is not good science and the impacts on our society have been nothing but damaging.
- Good science relies on good data.
Good data is collected fairly. From the earliest reporting periods, we now know that the initial data collected from around the world was collected WITHOUT accuracy or precision. This has since changed to reflect a more accurate representation of causes of death throughout this pandemic. The Australian Bureau of Statistics has released data that is strong evidence that the QLD mandates have been completely unnecessary. Since December 17th, unvaccinated people have stayed home with their families, unable to live the life that their children were quite enjoying. Meanwhile the case numbers jumped from 2,227 to 532,273 with a vaccinated population at 90.6%. Total COVID deaths being LESS THAN 1% of the total deaths throughout the pandemic and 92% of this one percent

had serious underlying health conditions. The mean age at time of death was 81 and 86 for men and women respectively, and this is above our national average life span in both instances. Now that we are finally receiving good data, we have an opportunity for good science to prevail. Continuing mandates is not good science.

- Good science takes time. Time that HAS NOW OCCURRED enough for us to know better. I have never been opposed to the vaccine, and have always stood by my completely reasonable stance “I would like data from a minimum of one season before I make my choice”. This time is yet to pass, however, I already have enough data to support my decision to remain unvaccinated. This is an untried drug with misleading media representation. I personally know of more than 20 people who are close to me in my community, who have suffered after injection. Three of those people needed heart surgery, one 16yr old athlete had a heart attack, one 13year old girl has been having seizures since, one healthy 94 year old man passed away the day following his booster, and most others have had the more expected lesser reactions such as swollen arms/necks/and eye sockets. No long term trials have been conducted on pregnancy, or fertility or anything for that matter and we have mandated this drug for young people. UNTESTED!! This is pure insanity, as we are now aware of thanks to time and data. Continuing mandates should not be a consideration, it has served its purpose through the time period that has now come to an end.

Without touching on the impacts that mandates have on other areas of society, including the degradation of relationships that society has with Police and Doctors for example, as we know they are acting outside of their duty of care and are suffering themselves with being forced to go against their core human values around discrimination and the Hippocratic oath. Help us. It is now time to come together and heal from what has been a very traumatic couple of years. There is no emergency anymore, with some good science finally able to occur (thanks to time) we now know better and therefore can make better choices for the future of our society. COVID is no longer a threat, but we do have 12 year olds suiciding under the stress, so lets take this opportunity now, to get our beloved teachers back into schools. There is no need to extend this bill. There is however, a great need to end mandates and return to some stability, with more focus on good health and wellbeing as opposed to this fear based non-sense.

Kind regards
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