

Committee Secretary
Community Support and Services Committee
E: cssc@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Committee Secretary,

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

I am writing, as an Australian citizen, to inform you of my position on the proposal of the extension to the emergency powers as stated above and the subsequent mandates that are currently in place due to the covid 19 pandemic status. As an Australian, living in the state of Queensland, I STRONGLY OPPOSE this proposed extension and any further extensions to the emergency powers. I oppose this proposal for the following reasons:

- 1. The current information about the severity of the latest strains of the covid 19 virus (mild flu like illness for most people) does not support the definition of a public threat and the continued use of emergency measures.
- 2. The measures that have been in place due to the emergency powers are proving to cause more harm than good ie. economically, socially (division), medically and psychologically.
- 3. The continued use of emergency powers in this way is unprecedented and causing gross violations of human rights that is in direct contradiction to Australian, constitutional and international laws.
- 4. The data being used to justify the emergency powers is grossly overstated by the inclusion of deaths and cases of people (with covid) eg. car accident victims.

I have personally been affected by the ongoing use of these emergency powers in terms of the financial, social and emotional impact and I know that many others in the community have as well. A recent survey into the impact that the vaccine mandates under these emergency powers have had on people working in the education industry is alarming to say the least. Particularly alarming, is the number of people who have indicated that they have been subjected to discrimination, domestic violence, suicidal thoughts and self harm. These reasons alone should be cause to consider stopping all further use of emergency powers. The evidence of my concerns about the impact of these emergency powers are in the links below. Please consider my submission.

Corinna Brennan