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Committee Secretary
Community Support and Services Committee
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Dear Secretary,

I am writing to express my views and request discontinuation of the proposed 'Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022'.

The bill is aimed at enabling the continuation of the public health response and measures enacted by the Queensland Government in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. I wish to express that the measures and approach taken by the Queensland Government has caused, and continues to cause, significant harm to the people of Queensland, while demonstrably failing to stop the spread of COVID-19 in Queensland.

COVID-19 has spread rapidly throughout Queensland, despite high vaccination rates, high levels of mask wearing compliance, and imposition of other health measures that have been most intrusive on the liberties and free movement of Queenslanders.

Thousands of hard working, knowledgeable and skilled Queenslanders have lost their professions and incomes as a direct result of the discriminating measures against unvaccinated people in Queensland, regardless of the fact that for the vast majority of the population vaccination status has not impacted for better or worse one's likelihood of contracting COVID-19, or the severity of symptoms. I have many friends and family, vaccinated and unvaccinated who have contracted COVID-19. Among this group of varying demographics (from young children to the elderly), many young healthy vaccinated people have been quite sick for a week or more (sometimes more than 2 weeks) with COVID, while some unvaccinated have hardly been sick for one day. None of my unvaccinated family, including the elderly have been sick for more than 1.5weeks. Most Queenslanders can testify to similar situations as they look around at their circles of family and friends. Hospitalisation rates in Queensland have been significantly lower than predicted by models. There is no risk of the health system breaking if currently health measures are not continued.

Health measures that have grossly impinged the rights of upstanding citizens over vaccination status and caused them to lose careers and even the ability to sit at a restaurant, are deeply disturbing for our society; they are completely out of line with Australia's liberal democracy, and they have demonstrably not worked.

Now that a large proportion of the Queensland population has contracted COVID-19 and more people continue to contract it daily, there is inevitably a high level of natural immunity

in the community. This combined with the disproportionate negative impacts of the applied health measures on the wellbeing, mental health, human dignity, equality, liberties and financial wellbeing of Queenslanders leads to the well-founded conclusion that there is no need to extend provisions that enable the health measures that have been employed.

I ask the Queensland Government and Opposition to oppose the 'Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022'.

Sincerely,

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