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Community Support and Services Committee

Subject:

Objection to Emergency Response Act

Thursday, 3 March 2022 4:56:10 PM

Dear Committee,

I strongly object to any Extension of the Emergency Bill due to the prevalence of Omicron's extremely low death rate compared to the delta/alpha variants.

The original Emergency Bill was granted based on a death rate from the Alpha and Delta variants, given that data indicats that the original modelling was substantially overinflated. The health data is now showing the exaggeration of such data and indicate that Omicron deaths are only a very small fraction of those adjusted numbers.

The negatives of these mandates and the pressure it is placing on Queenslanders through lost jobs and a pressured healthcare system, far outweigh the negatives going forward. Particularly when it seems that many Queenslanders have had COVID-19, now have natural immunity, and according to the Government's own modelling the peak has now passed.

Also as the CHO has stated that we need to move from the pandemic phase to the endemic phase, the use of emergency powers is no longer warranted

Enjoy

D'Wayne