From:
To: Community Support and Services Committee
Subject: NO TO EXTENSION OF THE EMERGENCY BILL
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My name is Kiki Thompson of an extremely opposed to any extension of the emergency bill.

The powers held by this bill has meant both myself and my partner have lost our jobs as Allied Health Professionals, which has impacted us greatly in many ways. We have been in the industry for over 7 years now, supported so many through the worst of the pandemic - and now we are considered as second class citizens.

Financially this has placed great strain on us and has had many negative effects. We have had to find alternative employment and are now living off only one wage.

The segregation between vaccinated and unvaccinated has been so emotionally and mentally damaging. I have suffered greatly with depression and anxiety as a result of this segregation, as has my partner. It is horrible to not be able to simply sit and have a coffee without having to disclose my medical choices with respect to a vaccination - a question that would have never have been thought to be remotely appropriate to ask. It's heartbreaking not to be able to do the job that I love, that I have been doing for many years, and nearly have a PhD in the field, simply because I exercise my right to body autonomy.

The media and reporting of this virus has instilled fear into our society rather than bringing it together & has been information has been exaggerated in order to drive this agenda. I'm disappointed and have completely lost all hope and trust in the government. The degree of misinformation is simply disgusting.

I do not feel safe. I do not feel proud to be Australian. I do not support this bill.

- Kiki