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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
Subject: Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022
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To the Committee Secretary,

I am writing to you to express my utmost and profound disagreement to extending the emergency powers of the Chief Health Officer until October of this year.

I think the extent of the emergency powers of the CHO does not commensurate with the level of the emergency we are now experiencing with Covid and all its variants. People are quite good with following government directives without making it mandatory. I also believe that restoring people's jobs lost to mandates will help boost the economy as people will be filling back in positions that they were trained for, generating income once again to help boost the economy and return things back to normal. Extending the CHO's power to mandate and force people to lose their jobs if not vaccinated is a government overreach and a blatant violation of people's basic human right to say "NO" to a medical procedure, which Australians have always embraced as one of the freedoms we enjoy in this country.

THERE IS NOW NO NEED TO DO THIS, TO GIVE THE STATE PREMIER AND THE CHO THE POWER TO SEGREGATE PEOPLE BASED ON THEIR VACCINATION STATUS. PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE BANNED TO SEE FACE TO FACE THEIR OWN DOCTORS, OR VISIT FAMILY MEMBERS IN HOSPITALS, OR SIT DOWN IN THEIR FAVOURITE CAFE TO HAVE COFFEE WITH THEIR MATES. THESE ARE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS OF EVERY AUSTRALIAN, NOT JUST THE SELECT VACCINATED ONES. TO ALIENATE AND DISCRIMINATE IS VERY UNAUSTRALIAN. IT'S NOT WHAT WE DO AS A PEOPLE.

After more than two years of restrictions and mandates that had affected so many lives (some resulted in job injuries and a lot had suicided due to hopelessness), I think Australians know by now that this is a very nasty virus, and that true, tried, and tested routines - social distancing, masking up, hygiene, even lockdowns for a certain period of time - ALL DO WORK. And Australians in general have been doing this and had been good at doing it. TRUST US TO DO THE RIGHT THING BY OURSELVES AND OTHERS. THAT'S WHAT WE ALL DO. DO NOT GIVE THEM THE CHANCE TO CONTROL, DISCRIMINATE, AND SEGREGATE. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. PLEASE HELP GIVE US BACK, OUR HUMANITY, OUR FREEDOM.

MY DAUGHTER AND MYSELF HAVE LOST OUR GOOD AND STABLE JOBS, JUST LIKE MANY OTHERS, BECAUSE WE HAVE MADE THE DECISION TO NOT GET VACCINATED DUE TO REASONS THAT WE ALL KNOW BY NOW- NO LONGITUDINAL STUDIES ,ETC., AND WE ARE GENUINELY AFRAID OF ITS SIDE EFFECTS THAT COULD PERMANENTLY AFFECT US NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. WE KNOW THAT WE CAN SAY "NO". PLEASE HELP US KEEP THIS RIGHT AS AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT LAND.

Thank you so much.

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