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***I am a QLD permanent Firefighter of 24 years married to a Registered Nurse of 15 years and we are objecting strongly to any extension of the public Health Emergency which has seen so much collateral damage far above that which has occurred from the various strains of the virus. We are passionate about the safety of our community which is reflected in our chosen careers and over the last 2 years we have seen such unnecessary collateral damage inflicted on our communities and work colleagues from politicians and unelected officials imposing harsh unworkable mandates.***

***The death rates from the virus have been far below the initial modelling with the latest date from the Federal Government which indicate that the actual numbers who passed solely from Coronavirus with no other Comorbidities was less than 100.***

***The case numbers have indicated that the original modelling was substantially overinflated .***

***Our 2021 (financial year) road death toll was 301 and the deaths from Heart disease in 2020 was 161,300 which puts things into perspective ,neither required a state of Emergency or special powers by the CHO or any public official.***

***How many more life saving surgeries will be put on hold because of the proposed bills? This disproportionate response has crippled our medical system in unprecedented ways with thousands of medical professionals refused work because of health choices and the remaining staff crushed and depressed by understaffing.***

***It is clear that the UK and many other EU nations have now dropped their mandates and are living with the virus in its current form, any further extension of these powers will be viewed as an deliberate abuse of power by the state government and will be rewarded appropriately by the voting public.***

***With vaccination rates well above 90% throughout Australia there is simply no reason to continue on with the coercion by the state government .***

***All former vaccines were effective at rates below this level and it is clear the current Covid trial drugs have failed to stop the spread which is evidenced by our figures and nations as Israel with its 4th booster and the fastest rates of Omicron spread witnessed internationally.***

***It is becoming very clear to many the proposed extension bill will result in a far greater grasp of power by unelected officials which has far greater negative repercussions on our society than what issues they are meant to remedy.***

***It is clear the new variant Omicron does not present a greater threat to our community than the common Flu a sentiment expressed by many prominent Doctors both nationally and internationally.***

***We oppose strongly any further discrimination based on any individuals health status which has created a plethora of depression, unemployment, bankruptcies all based on false over inflated figures.***

***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.***

***"Any government that does not trust its citizens neither can be trusted by the citizens"***

***Regards***

***Michael Lehtonen***

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