

3 March 2022

To:

Committee Secretary  
Community Support and Services Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
Brisbane Qld 4000

**Re: Public Health and Other Legislation  
(Extension of Expiring Provisions Amendment Bill 2022)**

I wish to make a submission in respect to the Bill for the extension of the expiry date of the above legislation to 31 October 2022.

**I OPPOSE the Bill to extend the expiry date of this legislation to any day beyond 30 April 2022.**

It has become apparent that after 2 years of these current powers being in place that it has not prevented the virus from entering the State of Queensland, stopped it from being spread within the community or from people dying from the virus.

In actual fact, these current powers have only created job losses, a shortage of qualified workers, not just frontline workers, increased mental health illnesses and suicides, isolated and segregated people from their friends and family, caused relationship breakdowns, forced many businesses to close and individuals and/or businesses to become bankrupt.

Extending the expiry date of the Emergency Powers beyond 30 April 2022 WILL NOT be beneficial to the residents of Queensland and will likely increase the issues referred to in the paragraph above.

Given that only a small percentage, approximately 1% have died with COVID-19, with the majority of those being elderly and/or having significant underlying health issues, there is really no need to extend the Emergency Powers when the majority of those that have contracted COVID-19 have survived.

Queensland residents are fed up with all the restrictions and are ready to have their lives return to the days of pre-COVID-19.

Queensland residents are now fully aware of the measures they need to take in order to protect themselves from COVID-19 in the community without the need for Government to impose any of the powers under the above legislation.

Now is the time to allow Queenslanders to get back to work, lift restrictions and stop mandates. Queenslanders have had enough!

Regards

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