

To whom it may concern,

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This is a submission in response to:

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

I do not believe an extension of emergency powers in response to Covid 19 is necessary. There is no longer an emergency. Covid is here and should now be treated like flu which actually has a higher death rate.

Most importantly: The death data has shown that all the measures, lockdowns, masks, and mandates have not made any significant difference in mortality rates. <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/health/causes-death/provisional-mortality-statistics/latest-release>

We were the first State to declare an emergency on 29 January 2020. The Premier said at the time: *"Queensland acted early and strengthened the laws because public safety is paramount"*.

Because of how the Qld government has managed COVID-19...

We have seen:

- our economy and small businesses suffered immensely
- hundreds of thousands of jobs lost
- people isolated from loved ones
- children unable to go to school
- people harmed by health protocols (vaccines) <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2788346>
- suicides increase
- 111,035 reports of adverse events in Vaers (as of Feb 2022)
- our government spend billions on quarantine camps instead of necessary hospitals
- data to prove lockdowns have proved ineffective <https://sites.krieger.jhu.edu/iae/files/2022/01/A-Literature-Review-and-Meta-Analysis-of-the-Effects-of-Lockdowns-on-COVID-19-Mortality.pdf>

Queenslanders have lost:

- freedom of free speech
- Doctors who cannot speak the truth as they are silenced by APRHA
- unbiased reporting as the media is gagged
- the right to peaceful assembly
- the right to work
- freedom of conscience
- bodily autonomy
- government transparency
- freedom of movement

Personally, I have

- experienced discrimination
- loss of work and income resulting in financial hardship
- suffered socially and emotionally
- lost freedom of movement
- been discriminated against and unable to access necessary health services

Omicron has changed the status of the emergency because:

- data shows that it is less severe
- natural immunity far outweighs vaccine efficacy <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.08.24.21262415v1>
- original vaccines were made for the Alpha variant and not suitable or effective for subsequent variants.
- young people have a far greater risk to adverse vaccine reactions than catching omicron. <https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/321238>
- the rest of the world is recognising that we 'must learn to live with this virus' just as we do with all virus'
- Queensland does not have an endless pot of money to keep supporting pharmaceutical companies and those with vested interests. <https://www.oxfam.org/en/press-releases/covid-vaccines-create-9-new-billionaires-combined-wealth-greater-cost-vaccinating>

Additionally, the mandatory vaccines have failed to stop the spread of Covid and those who have received the vaccine and had Covid still experience symptoms and hospitalisation, in addition to many adverse reactions.

These emergency powers need to end, NOT extend, and mandates need to be lifted in every regard immediately.

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