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To: Community Support and Services Committee

Subject: DO NOT extend the Public Health Emergency

Date: Thursday, 3 March 2022 9:36:56 PM

Dear Queensland Government,

I'm emailing in regards to the possible extension of the current Public Health Emergency surrounding Covid-19. I do not believe that this should be extended.

Since March 2020 we (seemingly the whole world) have been on a rollercoaster of rules, restrictions, guidelines, health advice, expert advice, mandates, etc. First we were flattening the curve for 2 weeks, and then that was extended, and then we had further restrictions based around lockdowns and border closures. Then mask mandates and social distancing. Then vaccines; not 1 vaccine, but multiple vaccines from different companies with different ingredients for different ages. Then the vaccine mades came in and Australia is now one of the most 'vaccinated' countries in the world. And now we have boosters, and there is some talk of those boosters being made mandatory. And even though we have endured all of these rules that have been heavy handedly dished out from people in charge - we STILL have covid. Variant after variant.

We; the people of Queensland, and of Australia have suffered enough from job losses, income loss, being separated from friends and family, made to fear human contact, mental health, not being able to make future plans because of erratic rules changing at the whim of politicians, being segregated based on medical status.

We need to get back to how it was. Covid-19 is a respiratory illness, which is nothing new for mankind. Sicknesses come and go, they always have and they always will. There's no other time in history where Governments have held their citizens on leashes in the name of saving them from certain illness. Give us back our freedom to make our own decisions and weigh up risk-benefit for ourselves.

Furthermore, this whole time we have only ever been shown biased reports and studies to create a facade of an emergency. The sickness has a 98% recovery rate - HARDLY a reason to call an emergency.

I hope that not only mine, but that all of the people who are speaking out against this absolute circus will be heard and that democracy can be restored.

Regards,

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