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To: Community Support and Services Committee

Subject: PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL

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To the Ministers and members of the Community Support and Services Committee.

The proposed extension to the public heath provisions allowed for under this bill, are no longer needed and should not be passed.

More consideration now needs to be given to civil liberties and the human rights that have been lost during this pandemic. It's an extremely important to ensure our future as a democratic nation.

During the initial phase of this pandemic, I too thought it was important to protect the vulnerable, particularly when little was known about the virus and I supported these measures initially. We now know that the virus isn't anywhere near as deadly as it was first thought, so these powers are no longer needed.

The pandemic is over, many other countries around the world have recognised this and are now treating Covid as an endemic disease like the flu. It's time Australia and Oueensland does this as well.

The measures introduced to combat Covid have severely impacted many other aspects of peoples lives, such as mental health, social interaction, employment and business prosperity. Much more consideration needs to be given to the negative affects that these measures have had on our society, a reduction in Covid deaths should never have been the only measure of success.

The emergency powers are no longer needed and should be revoked as soon as possible. It's time to get back to normal life.

Kind Regards

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Sent from my iPhone