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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
Subject: Extension of Emergency Bill
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To whomever has the power and authority,

Please, please, please do NOT extend the Emergency Bill!!!

Approximately 50% of my staff, family and friends have now had covid-19. Most of them were extremely mild symptoms that 2 years ago they would have just worked through and it would not have affected their daily life. Half of these people chose not to be vaccinated. Numerous more were close contacts of covid-19 positive cases, and as unvaccinated people still did not catch it.

The 'so-called science' is not matching the lived experience of the everyday Australians who voted you in.

What IS happening, is that I had to fire 3 of my staff for exercising their human right to choose.

What IS happening is that I am now having to counsel those of my staff who did choose to take the vaccination under coercion of losing their job (financial income, ability to pay car and house loans for fear of becoming transportless and homeless) as their experience of being powerless in this decision has not only caused trauma of them feeling violated, but also compounded trauma already experienced. This is affecting their ability to work.

What IS happening, is that my staff are having to go in and out of isolation. ALL personal and annual leave have been used up and now they are losing income and unable to pay their bills. They are not eligible for Centrelink covid or emergency payments.

What IS happening is that my staff who have taken the vaccination are getting sick more often. Again, not able to work.

What IS happening is that my staff do not want a booster. They report that ALL the people they know who got the booster are constantly sick, and they do not want to be coerced to be in the position where they are having to choose constant sickness over catching covid-19 which has a 99.009 full recovery rate.

For myself, I am so, so tired. I moved state for a dream job opportunity only to have it turn into a nightmare with the constant threat of me losing my dream job because I have done significant research, and choose not to have the Covid-19 vaccination. I only remain as I caught covid-19 from work before the mandate came into effect, and am currently working under an exemption. What I do not choose, is the discrimination, segregation, abuse I have experienced. I used to be proud of my country and now I am so ashamed.

The social, psychological, and emotional damage you are choosing to inflict upon those you are responsible to protect, is going to take generations to recover. This is me speaking as a professional clinician in the human services domain. I understand and know far more than you do what I am talking about and am extremely confident in this statement, though very saddened that it was and is preventable

End the State of Emergency NOW.
End the mandates.

End the discrimination.
End the tearing apart of families and communities.
End the unfounded fear.

Speak truth, as truth brings freedom and is the greatest power of all.

Please make the right decision in full truth and transparency for the people of Qld.

Sincerely,

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