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Committee Secretary - Community Support and Services Committee

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Dear Committee Secretary

RE: PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2022

I am writing this submission to voice my objection and state that I DO NOT support the extension of the abovementioned Bill.

Since the Covid Pandemic started in March 2020, it has truly saddened me to see so many businesses suffering, friendships broken, families divided and so many people lose their jobs that could have been avoided if people were given accurate facts and data. This suffering was escalated to the next level when Government introduced discriminatory mandates on 17th December that proved to have minimal effect on the spread of the Omricon variant.

As we have now seen in the past few months, Covid has spread extensively through our community and has not created much more than flu like symptoms for most people that contracted in. The virus is creating less destruction in our community than the mandates and propaganda around the vaccine is causing.

So why is our government so adamant that they need to control our state through extending the current Emergency rights – WE ARE NOT IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY... The only emergency is the situation that the Government is creating.

In 2020, when they declared we were in a 'Pandemic', it is reported by the ABS that Australia had 2287 Influenza cases (17th highest leading cause of death) and 898 Covid cases (being the 38th Leading Cause of Death)

This may seem like a lot of people, however when you look at the statistics for Influenza in previous years it is well below. In 2019, <u>4124 people died from Influenza</u> and it was the 9th highest leading cause of death in Australia BUT WE DIDN'T HAVE MANDATES OR LOCKDOWNS ENFORCED FOR THIS!!! Even if you combine the figures for Influenza and Covid in 2020, Australia still had more deaths from Influenza in 2019!

Source: Causes of Death, Australia, 2020 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)

On December 2021, we were all told by Queensland Government, that Mandates were required to ensure that the unvaccinated did not spread the virus and so our hospitals wouldn't be overrun with unvaccinated patients in ICU.... It didn't take long to realise this wasn't going to be the case at all.

After the unvaxed were locked out of all hospitality/entertainment venues, we saw that the Government's Contact Tracing was showing the virus was extensively spreading in these places.... Not long after, they conveniently stopped the contact tracing reports, as apparently it was to hard to keep up.... I tend to think it proved the unvaxed weren't the super spreaders they had been labelled as.

I do not question that some of the restriction that were initially implemented have helped our country to avoid higher cases of Covid, however I do question the rules and logic behind many of the ridiculous mandates introduced by Queensland Government. If everyone can catch it, and everyone can spread it... why was it only the unvaxed that are discriminated against?

Some examples of the lunacy of the mandates included:

• Unvaccinated can eat in a highly populated Food Court but not a café.... What is the difference?

- Everyone can go to Coles, Woolworths, Kmart and many shops together but can't eat together or go to the movies together.
- Unvaccinated can go to a large community event (such as Carols by Candlelight) provided it is not held in a 'Showground' but can't attend a music festival or race day.
- Someone that is a teacher by profession can't work at a school if they are unvaxed, but they can enter the school as a parent.

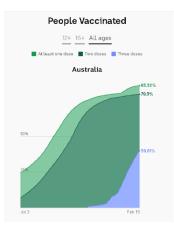
If the Government is acting in the best interest of the people – why do not all the community see it this way?

- 1. If the Government truly wanted to know about the facts and effects of the virus, why are ALL people who tested positive not sent an online questionnaire via email, asking about our vaccination status, symptoms, how we treated ourselves (vitamins/medications) how long it lasted, if family members contracted it etc. Seems they don't really want to know, just want everyone to take a vaccine (that didn't stop anyone from getting the virus)
- 2. Why are people censored and controlled to ensure ALL information is not given to the people? APHRA Gag order, Media Tax Cuts, Fact Checker on Facebook, Censorship on Youtube.
- 3. If EVERYONE can catch and spread the virus.... Why is it only unvaccinated people that are NOT ALLOWED in the hospital (unless as a patient) So a vaxed **covid positive** personal can walk straight in the hospital, while an unvaxed healthy person is locked outside! Wouldn't it be better to RAT test everyone in these vulnerable situations?
- 4. Why are Covid death rates/statistics reported since the start of the virus (March 2020) and not annually like any other virus/disease? Do you hear adverts promoting the number of cases of Breast Cancer since it was discovered many years ago or just how many cases we have each year? So, the statistics that are being released by the Australian Government Department of health daily are now really for nearly 2 years of the virus circulating.

Source: Coronavirus (COVID-19) at a glance – 14 February 2022 | Australian Government Department of Health

- 5. If most of the Covid deaths are now in Nursing homes And only vaccinated people can go in there, they must be the ones spreading it. Why is this not being questioned wouldn't it be safer to RAT test everyone prior to entry. Why are unvaxed still not allowed in when it is now proven it doesn't make a difference.
- 6. The vaccination has not stopped people contracting the virus so why are healthy people being forced to receive it to enable them to keep their jobs and look after their families
- 7. Why does the Government not be open with how many vaxed vs unvaxed are dying with the virus?
- 8. Why are young healthy people still being forced to have a vaccine for a virus that isn't a threat to them until they are over the age of 70 years... especially when they say the vaccine only 'apparently' helps for 3 months now and then you must have another booster!
- 9. Why does the Government never acknowledge any of the adverse reactions to the vaccination?
- 10. Why do Covid death tallies include people who dies WITH covid but not being the sole cause of death?
- 11. Why are the number of people contracting and dying <u>with</u>/from Covid <u>increasing</u> after the vaccine was introduced shouldn't it be decreasing if the vaccine was working?

Source: COVID-19 Mortality in Australia | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)



Source: Tracking Australia's COVID vaccine rollout numbers - ABC News

Covid Facts from ABS (updated 15th February 2022)

- On average, deaths due to COVID-19 had 2.7 other underlying diseases and conditions certified alongside the virus.
- Approximately 1% of the 273,901 death registrations received by the ABS and certified by a doctor in Australia during the pandemic period are of people who have died <u>with</u> or from COVID-19.
- The median age for those who died from COVID-19 was 83.7 years (81.2 years for males, 86.0 years for females) which is higher than our countries current life expectancy

Source: COVID-19 Mortality in Australia | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)

My reason. for strongly opposing the extension of the Governments State of Emergency Laws is that I do not believe that the decisions that they are making for our state are in the best interest of ALL Queensland Residents. It denies peoples own rights to democracy, individual freedom, and open public disclosure.

Rather we are seeing our state's leader use these powers to control and manipulate people to get their desired outcome – through exaggerated health statistics, offering 'rewards' to those that 'do as they are told' and denying people general human rights.

I live in Mount Isa (Outback Queensland), we have a population of less that 20 000. We have witnessed firsthand the destruction that the Government's new mandated have caused on so many levels... With Unvaccinated people locked out of society our town is suffering.

- Our businesses our struggling to find employees
- Small businesses have taken a substantial financial decrease in trade
- Sporting Club & school are struggling to have volunteers
- Our community is divided, and conflict has been created in personal relationships
- The mental health of our community has suffered, and people have been victimised over a personal choice that they have made for their own bodies.
- The trust in doctors and the health system has been destroyed
- People have been denied access to hospitals to support loved ones that already feeling isolated.

The time has now come when Queenslanders need to move forward and stop letting Covid control our existence. The past 3 months have proved that we can exist with the virus. Unvaccinated people need to be given back their jobs, mandated need to be lifted and our communities need to live without segregation and discrimination. People now have their eyes open to the true reason our government wants an extension of their Emergency Laws, and it is not for the health and wellbeing of the community – it is for their own control of the people.... And this needs to be stopped

Regards,	
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