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Committee Secretary  
Community Support and Services Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

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

Dear Committee Members,

**I wish to express my opposition to the extension of the temporary measures to 31 October in the following Acts:**

- \* the Public Health Act 2005
- \* the Corrective Services Act 2006, Disaster management Act 2003, Mental Health Act 2016,
- \* Covid 19 Emergency Response Act 2020

Please consider the following:

- \* **The Australian Bureau of Statistics data** which was recently released states that **covid related deaths (2639) that occurred in Australia to 31 January 2022 accounted for only 1% of all deaths** during that time and that **the majority of those deaths also had underlying causes and the median age was over 80 years.**
- \* **Covid is listed as the 38th cause of death in Australia**
- \* **The Omricron variant is mild & has provided extra immunity for those who contracted it or were exposed to it.**
- \* **Queensland has a very high level of vaccination - 92%**
- \* **Many Nations around the world with lower levels of vaccination are now treating Covid as endemic & have revoked Covid restrictions & mandates ( eg UK, Ireland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway).**

**I therefore believe that it would GREATLY benefit the people & the economy of Queensland to treat Covid as endemic moving forward, rather than extend any emergency powers.**

Yours sincerely,

Lynda Sugars,  
