

4th March 2022

Community Support and Services Committee
Queensland Government

Dear Committee Members,

I wish to strongly object to the proposed Bill: "Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022".

An extension to the Emergency Bill is completely unnecessary as the death rate from the 'Omicron' variant of Sars-Cov-2 is extremely low. The original Emergency Bill was granted based on the documented death rate from the Alpha and Delta variants. Clearly the original modelling was substantially inflated.

The proposed extension of powers is based on COVID death rates and cases in Queensland. The health data is now showing the exaggeration of such data. Current estimates indicate that Omicron deaths are only a very small fraction of those adjusted numbers. Any extension is not warranted and should NOT be granted.

The potential for continued discrimination via these emergency powers is unacceptable in any democratic society.

The negatives associated with these mandates and the pressure it is placing on Queenslanders through lost jobs and a pressured healthcare system is extremely disturbing. Particularly when it seems that many Queenslanders have had COVID-19, therefore now have natural immunity, and according to the Government's own modelling, the peak has now passed.

Yours sincerely,

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