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Attention Committee Secretary  
Community Support and Services Committee

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Dear Committee Secretary

I would like to advise the Community Support and Services Committee that I do not support the extension of the state of emergency through the proposed 2022 Amendment Bill.

I would like to express my concerns in addressing them through our own State's Qld Human Rights Act 2019 (the Act) that states you have the right **not** to be:

- treated in a way that badly hurts your body or your mind - *there are too many adverse reactions to covid vaccines and ample evidence they can cause significant harm, even death.*
- used for experiments – unless you understand and agree – *the available covid vaccines are all still under trial and are therefore experimental. We cannot know the potential long term effects of these vaccines let alone the known immediate effects. Equally where is the control group for such a trial when everyone in a population is expected to have it?*
- given medical treatment – unless you understand and agree – *a vaccine is a medical treatment and the Government is using coercive control through social and economic restrictions to effectively force the whole population of the state to have it. This contradicts the premise that one is giving informed consent.*

While the Act provides “you can be given treatment without your consent to save your life or protect you from harm”, this is intended for significant individual medical emergencies, not a treatment that requires your consent while you are of conscious mind to still give it. The greater community emergency has been evidently overblown now we have the ABS statistics covering the period of covid showing there has been significantly less deaths from covid than a seasonal flu.

The Act also states you have the right to:

- have your own opinion
- share your ideas and opinions – such as through art, writing, public speaking, and social media
- ask for and receive information and ideas from other people – including the government.

The Public Health Orders do not allow one to have their own opinion on the medical safety and efficacy of the vaccines. The Government and media constantly portray the unvaccinated as unsafe and even stupid despite the Act stating “you are free to say what you want, you must respect other people – for example, you can't use hate speech, cyberbullying, or say untrue things to attack people”. Sadly I regularly experience people being attacked for having “their own opinion” about the vaccines. There is equally ample evidence of censorship when citizens, particularly doctors and our government health employees, are forbidden from speaking of the covid vaccines' adverse reactions.

The Act states you have the right to keep your life private, including your family and home. The government can't share information about you, unless you say they can yet the government is forcing individuals, under threat of penalty, to disclose to private businesses their medical history. This would seem to me by default the government sharing personal information when they are forcing the individual to do so under threat of penalty from same government. The restrictions to freedom of movement that then ensue due to this forced sharing of medical information is equally not supported by the Act.

The Act equally states “Families are important, and the government has an obligation to protect families. Children have the right to special protection because of their age. The government must protect children, and treat children in a way that is in *their* best interests.” How is forcing parents/children to consent to a covid vaccine (that even WHO is not recommending for 5-11s) with technology that has never-before been used in humans and still under trial, protecting children?

One can appreciate the government may limit or restrict your rights to protect the rights of other people or the community. Yet it has been confirmed by government itself that the vaccines will not protect you from catching and transmitting covid so why then the need to protect the community from the unvaccinated? No one person is, regardless of vaccine status, more protected than the other. While there is the claim that the vaccines will lessen your symptoms, this is not protecting society – perhaps only the individual who should have a choice if they want the vaccine when they believe it will alleviate symptoms for themselves. Surely continued testing and early effective treatment for those who do contract covid would be a more appropriate response until all covid vaccines are out of trial and proven to be safe.

It is stated “Finding a balance between competing rights can be tricky. The government has to think about the impact on you of limiting your human rights – and what alternatives there are to limiting them.” With the benefit of hindsight and evidence coming forward daily, it is clear there is no emergency to warrant any extension of powers. Let us follow the example set by other states and countries and get the State of Queensland back to respecting human rights and freedoms.

I ask the Committee to please consider my concerns in this letter and likewise the many concerns raised by the vaccinated and unvaccinated alike that the public health emergency powers are proven to be a severe and concerning overreach of the government that impinges on our inalienable human rights. This is not democracy and this is certainly not the Australian way, even in a pandemic. A society as a whole cannot be democratically free when individuals are not treated as such.

Kind regards



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