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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
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To Whom it may concern,

I wish to express my opinion on the proposed extension to the QLD government and CHO emergency powers.

I'd like to start by congratulating the QLD government on a job well done in initially keeping Queenslanders safe during what started out as a giant unknown. The swift response was amazing. However everything since then has lost the public's confidence.

1. Lockdowns- initially a good idea while so much was still not known. Now though they are an unnecessary and destructive move for communities. Learning to live with covid means lockdowns are a thing of the past.

2. Masks- also started out as a great idea. I was fully supportive. Until my 12 month old stopped opening her mouth to speak. My children are impossible to parent with a face covering and therefore I had to do away with them months ago for the safety and development of my children.

3. Vaccine Mandates- now this is the component of the Covid response that lost me, and many others. I got 1 shot, against better judgement, and then the government moved the goal post. I have since done vast amounts of research and fail to find any evidence to support their safety and effectiveness; in fact, many preliminary studies are suggesting that they are unsafe and perhaps damaging. That being said, I fully support anyone who wishes to access the vaccine, I do not support the notion that 1000's of Queenslanders are now unemployable in their chosen profession because they made a medical choice! If the vaccine stopped transmission and reduced sickness I would understand but reports I'm hearing is it does neither. Double vaxed people I know have been much sicker and for longer than I was.

4. Australian Bureau of Statistics released their covid report and the findings were surprising. Less than 1% of all deaths in Australia were from covid. The average age of death is above life expectancy in Australia and the individuals suffer from 1 or more health issues. This alone is enough evidence to drop all mandates and restrictions and let life move on.

Therefore, if lockdowns, masks and vaccines are no longer scientifically, anecdotally or publicly supported then there is zero need for these powers to be reinstated.

Thanks for your time
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