

Dear Committee,

I strongly object to any Extension of the Emergency Bill due to the prevalence of Omicron's extremely low death rate compared to the delta/alpha variants. The original Emergency Bill was granted based on a death rate from the Alpha and Delta variant and the case numbers have indicated that the original modelling was substantially overinflated.

The Mandate should never have been introduced. All it has achieved is the isolation of the hospitality industry, health workers, teachers, the closing of business, putting people out of work and dividing family and friends.

As a result, we have exiled the unvaccinated from society and restricted their movements, yet COVID has rapidly spread throughout this state. Who is spreading the virus? It is clear that the spread of the virus does not discriminate between those who are vaccinated and those who are not.

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

In summary, the current government has assured Queenslanders that they have sufficient teachers and the healthcare system is operating effectively. If this is true there is no need for extending emergency provisions. The government is also responsible for disaster management and should have an effective disaster management plan in place to deal with the recent flood event. Seeking further emergency powers erodes the democratic system of government when Queenslanders need local representation the most.

I call on the Premier to immediately end the mandate for all Queenslanders so we can get back to some sort of normality and sanity.

Yours Sincerely

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