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Dear Committee Members

I am calling on the Queensland Government via this committee to end the State of Emergency rather than extend it and to end the mandates being enforced in our state.

These mandates have affected me and my family in the following ways:

- Although well qualified fit and ready to work I am unable to work in my role
- I have been unable to visit family and friends to celebrate significant events, weddings and funerals in particular
- We have had to postpone a family wedding three times and counting
- I cannot go to social occasions with friends in our usual dining venues
- I have been abused and refused service in businesses even though I hold a legitimate exemption
- My privacy has been breached continually by having to disclose my personal health information to others who are not related to me or in the health industry
- Most concerning is the change in public attitude since the mandates were enforced in December, since then I have been treated with suspicion, and like a second-rate citizen

I cannot make any sense of the current situation and the Queensland Government's stance and actions. It does not align with the data, and therefore leaves me questioning their reasons for imposing such measures on their citizens. Given the omicron variant appears to be much milder in its effect on the population, being like the common cold (as quoted by Chief Health Officer John Gerrard) even the current measures seem very extreme. We would not respond to the common cold by restricting people's daily lives and refusing employment.

The data from the ABS last week states that 2639 people had died from COVID 19 over the past 22 months, which is 1% of the 273,901 deaths in Australia at that time, the average age is 83.7, 82.1 for males and 86 for females, which is higher than the National average. Based on this information alone it appears to me that this state's response has been excessive and unwarranted. As a Queenslanders, I would like it reconsidered in a way that actually accurately and effectively uses the data and the science in its decision making.

Therefore, I call again for the State of Emergency to be ended in April and the mandates to be ended.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely

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