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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
Subject: Submission to oppose Extension to Emergency Bill
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to make a submission to oppose the proposal to the Extension to the Emergency Bill until 31st October, 2022.

The implementation of mandates during the Coronavirus Pandemic has caused undue hardships on everyday Queenslanders, including loss of jobs, homes and family and friends, with the instances of mental illness and suicide increasing dramatically. The mandates imposed on the Queensland Citizens has had no impact on slowing the virus, rather the it has spread significantly, and mandates have had major impacts on every Queenslander.

I offer the following evidence to support my view that the extension to the emergency bill must NOT be passed.

- When the vaccine mandates were implemented in Queensland on 17th December, 2021, there were 2226 cases, with 83% of Queenslanders vaccinated. 2 and a half months later, there are over 500,000 cases with 90% vaccination. Clearly the mandates have not worked to reduce Covid.
- Since the mandates, Queensland has recorded an average of over 8000 cases per day, while those who remain unvaccinated has fallen from 16.4% to 9.4%. Clearly the vaccinations, nor the mandates have reduced the number of Covid cases in Queensland.
- In the almost 2 years since Covid became an issue, over 270,000 people have died. Of these deaths, 2639 were Covid related, however 92% of these people had 3 or more serious underlying health conditions. During only a one year period in 2019, 4124 died of the flu. This is double the number that died 'with' Covid. Clearly the Covid virus has not had the devastating effect on Queenslanders as we have been lead to believe it would.
- Around 100,000 have died of cancer, 32,000 of heart disease, 30,000 of Alzheimer's and Dementia, 10,000 of Diabetes. These numbers are set to increase as elective surgeries and life-saving testing is put on hold to deal with Covid. Clearly the Covid virus does not have as big an impact on Queenslanders as the diseases we have lived with for hundreds of years.
- Healthy workers have been stood down in every industry. In the education system, classes are often split or specialists are being taken off their own lessons to take a class, with the fast-tracking of qualifications of those not fully trained to fill positions. In the health sector, nurses and doctors are short-staffed, often doing longer shifts than is safe or sustainable. Ambulances have a longer than acceptable time period, to attend to critical patients, with some dying before help arrives. or resorting to taking critically unwell patients to hospital by car, without

the medical intervention needed on-route. Hundreds of years of experience has been let go, to the detriment of every man, woman and child in Queensland. Clearly the focus on Covid has taken away the everyday rights of Queenslanders to an education and quality health services.

We have segregated healthy people from society - work, pubs, restaurants and clubs, yet the virus is still spreading. The virus does not discriminate. The mandates have not helped to contain the virus, but have only served to increase hardships on Queenslanders and to decrease the livability of Queensland.

I strongly object to the extension of the Emergency Bill and implore you to not allow this bill to pass through Parliament.

Regards,

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