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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing this submission in regard to the proposed extension of emergency powers before parliament. It is my opinion that there is no justification to extend these powers as there is no state of emergency existing in our state. Hospitals are not overloaded with Covid19 cases, symptoms are generally something akin to influenza and case numbers are falling.

The governments motivation to extend these powers has little to do with the health and well-being of Queenslanders but is more about instilling and perpetuating fear in them to further the governments political agendas. For goodness sake as I write this submission parents have been told to keep their children home from school and to work from home because there could be a storm. Left unchecked, where will this government take it's nanny mentality next?

The other matter that needs to be addressed immediately is the current mandates excluding unvaccinated people from certain venues throughout the state. This mandate is clearly serving no useful purpose in limiting the spread of Covid19 given the latest statistics since the various state governments relaxed border restrictions, quarantine arrangements etc. With 90% of the population double vaccinated we have seen an explosion in case numbers, by your own admission double dose vaccinations efficacy is only 4% and we are now seeing a proportionate amount of vaccinated people contracting the virus versus unvaccinated.

Statistics recently released by the Chief Health Officer indicate up to 80% of people carrying the virus are asymptomatic, unaware they even have it. Would it not logically follow then that of those eight out of ten people with covid, 90% are double vaccinated, which according to your reports is the reason they are not showing symptoms? Would it not also be logical to assume that this group of people far outnumber the unvaccinated people with covid and therefore pose a far greater threat of spreading the virus? If there is any validity to this mandate then perhaps it should be the double vaccinated that should be excluded from these so called "high risk venues".

At the very least it has become blatantly obvious that an unvaccinated person presents no greater risk of spreading the virus than a vaccinated person. This particular mandate however is causing a great many people huge inconvenience, loss of employment, financial loss, depression, suicide, not to mention a division in our community that I never imagined I'd see in this country. It should be fairly clear by now that those individuals who've chosen not to be vaccinated are unlikely to change their minds and to continue to punish them by extending these ridiculous mandates is, if not legally questionable, downright immoral.

Yours faithfully,

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