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**To:** [Community Support and Services Committee](#)  
**Subject:** concerns about the emergency bill extension  
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Dear Committee,

i am writing to you today, because I very strongly object to an aspect of the Emergency Bill being extended. This is due to Omicron's extremely low death rate compared to the other variants delta and apha.

The original Emergency Bill was approved based on the death rates from both Delta and Alpha variants. It now has been shown that the case number modelling for these was extremely overinflated.

The extension of powers is based on Queensland COVID deaths and Queensland COVID numbers. The health data is currently showing that there is significant exaggeration of this data and that the current Omicron deaths are only a small amount of the these numbers. In general our COVID numbers are reducing, we are opening up the borders and reducing restrictions. As such any extension of the Emergency Bill is not warranted and should NOT be granted.

I am concerned about the ongoing discrimination in our society and the detrimental and damaging mental health impacts this is having as a result of the current emergency powers.

The negative impact that these mandates have had on society and the division it has created is awful in our democratic society. The pressure it is placing on our fellow Queenslanders through lost jobs and increased pressure on an already under pressure healthcare system is detrimental.

What I have seen is that the majority of Queenslanders who have had COVID 19 recently now have natural immunity.

The government's modelling and the media not indicate that the peak has now passed, as such there is absolutely NO need for the EMERGENCY BILL to be extended.

Kind Regards,

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