

I Cecily Wake do not support the extension to 31 October 2022 to the Emergency Bill.

The Emergency no longer appears to exist, major hazards have passed as experience is now able to inform actions.

Medical experts are now talking about an epidemic not a pandemic in relation to covid 19 – telling the population that we need to live with the virus. This is no different to other viruses, including the annual flu.

Vaccinations do not prevent people from acquiring covid 19 or from dying due to covid. Non vaccinated people may also only get mild symptoms, which tends to indicate the viral impact is more about personal genetics and health than vaccination status.

The reporting of hospitalisations and contraction rates are statistical data which can be interpreted and used to support any agenda. This has been highlighted with the daily death totals, which the public have now been told, don't necessarily relate to the actual date but are distorted by using released death certificates.

What is the purpose of an extension? To this point the Emergency Bill has not stopped people who enter hospital with a non covid medical condition from contracting covid while in hospital. Compare this to patients contracting staphylococci infection, that is not treated as part of an Emergency Bill but seems to be a common outcome.

Mandatory vaccinations for people in high risk occupations has put unnecessary pressure on people to perform longer hours and neglects personal health. The message has been 'do not go to work if you are sick', however the message now, particularly in the healthcare industry is you must return to work. There is insufficient staff thus, even if you are not fully healthy, go back to work. This has been caused by mandatory vaccinations and resignations due to disrespect for healthcare workers who are exhausted and made to feel guilty if they don't go to work.

Mandatory vaccinations for school staff mean students are disadvantaged due to highly qualified, and dedicated teachers and teacher aides being unable to assist students to reach their full potential. Non entry of non vaccinated employees to worksites, means that mentoring of inexperienced replacement teachers especially in rural areas disadvantages schools and students. Teachers are educated professionals, who are capable of making informed decisions about their personal health and safety, thus they should also be able to determine whether they are vaccinated or not against covid. Teachers are required on a daily basis to address health and safety of themselves, their students and their colleagues. A mandate that disrespects a persons' ability to make a personal informed choice re their health is disrespectful to their educated status.

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