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Dear Committee Secretary

As you are probably aware the health minister has recently tabled in parliament, her intention to extend the emergency powers in Qld until 31 October (Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022).

This would ultimately cause Qld to be under a SOE for close to 3 years. I am begging you to oppose this extension. Many of the world's leaders are opening up their countries and are doing away with the restrictions and mandates, which have no basis in science. According to my local member, the MP's do not even have access to the "health advice" on which this extension is based. This is a desperate attempt to try and detract from the fact that our hospital system is in trouble and a way to extend the mandates. I am personally affected by this and while I have been lucky enough to secure an exemption, this exemption ends on 10 May. If the extension is allowed to continue, I would effectively need to say goodbye to a 32 year teaching career. I am hopeful that you would not vote in favour of this extension. Queenslanders, indeed, Australian's, have suffered enough and just want to get on with their lives.

These powers have resulted in infringement of human dignity, human rights and fundamental freedoms of all Queenslanders. The public health emergency that was also expected to occur in Queensland schools also did not eventuate and there is no need for the mandates and extension.

The current Omicron variant doesn't pose the same health and mortality risks as the previous variants at the commencement of the pandemic and as a country we are almost at 95% vaccinated. The state government needs to follow the example of other countries that are treating Covid-19 as an endemic

disease like the common cold or flu, even the Queen at 94 years old has survived a recent bout of Omicron and the PM also has covid and is perfectly fine.

I do hope that you will consider the mental health toll extending this SOE will take on Queenslanders and pray that you vote against this extension. The madness that is Covid, needs to end. This needs to end. You have the power to effect the change. Pls vote AGAINST this extension!!!

Kind regards
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