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To:

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RE: Proposed Extension of Emergency Powers in QLD

Dear Committee,

I am writing to inform you of my **Non Consent** to the proposed extension for the fourth time of the Queensland Emergency Powers in response to Covid 19.

To say that we are still in a State of Emergency with Covid 19 is an overstatement when you look at the statistical data provided by the Australia government through ABS, Qld Health, TGA etc, with the rapidly declining case numbers.

I personally have worked serving the community for 22 years in the most complex situations within Domestic and Family violence, Education and harm prevention including Sexual and physical abuse education, Homelessness support, Crisis intervention. Due to these unlawful mandates I am now unable to support the most vulnerable members of our community. I can not imagine many would sit in situations I have sat in to offer support to homeless, traumatised and defeated members of our community. Because of these mandates I am unable to be a financial contribute to my community. I am unable to support my family, take my children out for a meal, take them to a movie. Yet I can sit in a food court and eat and watch people come out of a movie and sit next to us at another table? This is the biggest violation of human rights in my lifetime. I will never forget what our state and federal governments have done to me, my family and many many other citizens of this once free and fair country.

In 2021 – Covid 19 was rated 38th on the list of cause of death in Queensland.

During 2020:

- **3,139 people died by suicide.**
- The age-standardised suicide rate was 12.1 per 100,000 people.
- Suicide was the **15th leading cause of death.**

For the 898 people who died from COVID-19 in 2020:

(<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/health/causes-death/causes-death-australia/latest-release#2020-deaths-during-the-first-year-of-the-pandemic>)

- COVID-19 was the 38th leading cause of death.
- Their median age at death was 86 years.
- Just over half were female (460 female deaths, 438 male deaths).
- People who died from the virus under the age of 70 were more likely to be male.
- Dementia was the most common pre-existing condition (275 deaths).
- Chronic cardiac conditions, hypertension and diabetes were also commonly reported comorbidities.
- The majority of deaths occurred in people with a usual residence of Victoria (800 deaths).

COVID-19 mortality by state and territory of usual residence and sex, 2020 (a)(b)(c)(d)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT
Male	31	383	4	3	7	10	0
Female	28	417	2	1	3	7	0
Total	59	800	6	4	10	17	0

- See the Data quality section of the methodology for further information on specific issues related to interpreting 2020 data.
- COVID-19 is coded to ICD-10 codes U07.1 and U07.2.
- Includes deaths registered in that year.
- Includes only deaths where COVID-19 was the underlying cause of death.

Overall, in Australia there has been 3.3m cases of Covid 19, with 5316 deaths. This is 0.161% of the population of covid cases resulting in death. I would say 1 nearly 2 women killed each week by a current or former partner in DV is much more a State of Emergency than a health risk we can manage with ADVICE and not MANDATES. In Queensland the numbers are even less of an EMERGENCY, with deaths at 570 out of 583000 cases. This is 0.0977702% of deaths per case. What is an Emergency is the violation of power we are seeing in state parliament throughout this pandemic. A violation that will not be forgotten come voting time.

I again want to make it clear that as a resident of Queensland I **DO NOT CONSENT** to the Emergency Powers being extended further. There is no justifiable reason why they should be extended. Australians can make informed health choices and DO NOT need the ministers to exert unnecessary powers to make these informed health choices.

Warm regards,

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