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Committee Secretary Community Support and Services Committee Parliament House George Street Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Committee,

I am lodging a submission to request rejection of theExtension of the Emergency Bill. The State of emergency should cease since reports from the Australian Governments in Australia and governments across the world are confirming that due to the prevalence of Omnicrons the death rate is extremely low.

The original Emergency Bill was granted based on a death rate from the Alpha and Delta variants, the case numbers for these has indicated that the original modelling was substantially overinflated.

The extension of these emergency powers was based on COVID deaths in Queensland and COVID numbers, the health data is now showing the exaggeration of such data! Current estimates indicate that the Omnicron deaths are only a small fraction of those adjusted numbers. Therefore any extension is not warranted and should not be granted.

Recently the Chief Health Officer has referred to the status of Omnicron as an epidemic, on several occasions and therefore Queenslanders should be allowed to begin "living with COVID" without unnecessary restrictions to movement, lifestyle and the ability to earn a living. The Potential for continued discrimination via these emergency powers in unacceptable in any democratic society.

The negatives of these mandates and the pressure it is placing on Queenslanders through lost jobs and a pressured healthcare system, far outweigh the negatives going forward. Particularly when is seems that many Queenslanders have had COVID-19, and now have natural immunity.

I request that the Extension to the State of Emergency Bill be disallowed, and that Queenslanders be blowed to return to their freedoms that they are guaranteed under the Australian Constitution.

Sally Roberts

