

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

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Many countries have **dropped the covid mandates** due to the alpha and delta variants being overtaken by the **mild flu-like omicron** variant. This is one reason it is **highly unnecessary to extend the Emergency Bill** (until 31 October 2022) in Queensland.

Most people who are **vaccinated** are **contracting omicron**. Obviously, the **vaccine isn't working against omicron**. It doesn't make sense that unvaccinated people cannot currently work in schools or attend other places in society and are losing their careers. **People need to return to the workforce as soon as possible** for their **financial and mental wellbeing**.

At the Queensland public hearing, it states that an unvaccinated person "*cannot visit any food or beverage service on the precinct*". It is **humiliating** that they are **not invited** to eat like a vaccinated person. They are not spreading omicron any more than a vaccinated person. It is **discrimination**. At this stage, it seems **smarter to highlight general hygiene** rules of hand washing and covering a sneeze (like when someone has a common cold). The **Emergency Bill is unnecessary** now.

According to the **Queensland Government** website, the total number of **covid deaths in Queensland** is **570**. The **Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)** concludes that **covid is 38th** on the list of **leading causes of death**. The ABS also states that the number of **deaths** in Australia from **heart attacks** is **43,447**. These figures **do not justify** that Queensland is in a state of **emergency for covid related deaths**. Not to undermine ANY deaths, but **the current number of deaths from covid does not warrant extreme emergency measures**.

Please *carefully* **consider this current season** and the **thousands and thousands of lives and livelihoods affected negatively** by the emergency bill, especially **job loss** and **decreasing mental health**.

I sincerely do not believe Queensland is in a state of emergency because of covid or that the Emergency Bill needs to be extended in Queensland until 31 October 2022.

Queensland needs to be **inclusive of all its citizens** and **drop the bill**.

Please find attached a pdf version of this submission.

Sincerely,

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(Teacher of 27 years, now no longer)

