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Committee Secretary

Community Support and Services Committee

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**PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT
BILL 2022 (BILL)**

Dear Committee Secretary,

I would like to advise the Community Support and Services Committee that I do not support the extension of the state of emergency or the Public Health and other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill of 2022.

These powers allow power hungry leaders to abuse the trust of the Queensland people and must be ended. There is not (and arguable has never been) an emergency that would require this kind of undemocratic legislation to continue.

This bill would allow for the unacceptable continuation of trauma to Queensland families who have lost business, livelihoods, educational opportunities, social connections and so much more. It is time to allow people to be responsible for their own health choices and freedom to move on with life. People are ready to rebuild but are not being allowed to under the weight of government led fear-mongering and the encroachment of their basic human rights.

The evidence is stacking up against governments who have implemented draconian measures. Around the world mandates are being revoked in the face of the realisation that these powers have done more harm than good. The overwhelming community sense is that our government has not been fighting for people's health, but rather fighting their own people to take over their bodily autonomy, and remove their freedom and rights. The rise in severe mental health outcomes, the ruination of small business and the negative health outcomes of restricting access to medical facilities, suspending surgeries, enforcing mask mandates and so much more have done more harm than any good that could possibly be argued through the power-drunk actions of our leaders over the last 2 years.

There is no logical, scientific or rational reason for extending these powers.

This Bill must be rejected in its entirety.

Voters will react very positively to the extension NOT being granted and these un-democratic emergency powers ceasing.

Your sincerely,

Hannah Minne