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Committee Secretary  
Community Support and Services Committee  
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Dear Committee Secretary

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

I wish to formally advise that I **do not** support the Bill nor the extension of the state of emergency. The sacrifice of the individual for the 'wellbeing of the community at large' is no longer justified. The heavy handed covid pandemic measures have caused more harm to the community than good.

Comparison of countries around the world with a heavy-handed pandemic response vs those with no restrictions only guidelines (Sweden<sup>1</sup>, Japan<sup>2</sup>) show no benefit to mandates and restrictions. The latter were found to have lower death rates.

Claiming high vaccination rates are the cause for lower deaths than expected in Queensland can be challenged. South Africa had low vaccination rates and found Omicron was mild with headache and fatigue symptoms, similar to what was experienced in Queensland. Deaths were not a concern in South Africa with the Omicron wave. Queensland cannot claim that vaccination caused lower numbers when the virus itself was less virulent. The fact is the modelling was wrong, as most models are; risks were overinflated to justify draconian measures and instil fear into the community to comply.

My experience is that the covid measures eg mandates, isolation rules, and close contact definitions caused more disruption and harm (health, financial) to society than covid.

Emergency powers suspend democracy, individual freedom and open public discourse. Even this public discussion of this bill excludes people who are not fully vaccinated. This should cause alarm in itself.

I ask the committee to genuinely consider whether this bill is necessary. We are not in an emergency situation; this is not a sudden manifestation of urgent circumstances. The pandemic is at its end. There have been two years of unfounded draconian measures and there is no justification to extend them based on the current state of vaccination, the passing of the Omicron peak, the significantly lower number of deaths than modelled and the financial hardship that these restrictions are causing to a small but significant part of the community.

Regards

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1 <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/sweden/>

2 <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/japan/>