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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 my family **do not** support the Bill nor the extension of the state of emergency.

Queensland was the first state to declare a state of emergency (SOE) on 29 January 2020. This means that if the SOE laws are extended from 30 April 2022 to 31 October 2022, Queenslanders will have been under a SOE for nearly three years.

This is no longer an emergency. An emergency is a sudden manifestation of urgent circumstances. With the pandemic at its end, and two years of unfounded draconian measures, there can be no real justification for a "state of emergency" for the **situation is not sudden nor urgent** by any stretch of the imagination. The original Emergency Bill was granted based on a death rate from the Alpha and Delta Variants. Omicron is a different variant.

The extension of powers is based on Covid deaths in Queensland and Covid numbers. On the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022, the Australian Bureau of Statistics released data confirming the median age of those who died with Covid 19 was 81 for men. 86 for women. Both..are above our national life expectancy. Of the 2,639 Covid deaths between March 2020 and February 2022, 92% had other underlying health issues. It wasn't exclusively Covid that claimed their lives. The health data is now showing the inflated Covid statistics.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022, the UK Health Security Agency publishes a weekly Covid-19 Vaccine Surveillance Report and confirms deaths are rising dramatically among the triple vaccinated population whilst declining steadily amongst the not-vaccinated population in England. The most recent figures showing the fully vaccinated accounted for 9 in every 10 Covid-19 deaths over the past month, and the triple vaccinated accounted for 4 in every 5 of them.

Any extension is not warranted and should NOT be granted.

The potential for continued discrimination via these emergency powers is unacceptable to 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 moving forward. Particularly when many Queenslanders have had Covid 19 and now have natural immunity, combined with the 90% vaccine targets, this contributes to the overall herd immunity within the community.

The emergency is now over. Bill Gates has confirmed on 22<sup>nd</sup> February at the Munich Security Conference 2022 that the introduction of theOMICRON virus itself is a type of vaccine that creates both D cell and T cell immunity and has done a better job of getting out to the world population than they have with vaccines. We now have more information and confirmed data to know how to live with Covid, rather than fear it. The Science is settled and the data is confirming that the current vaccines are no longer safe nor effective in protecting against theOMICRON variant.

According to the Government's own modelling the peak has now passed, so please vote to return our essential workers, teachers, doctors, nurses, allied health professionals back to the workforce, and get Queensland business operational again. Just as Queensland is commencing the lifting of restrictions today, so too should you be voting to abolish mandates, lockdowns, masks, and all covid restrictions. Other countries and some of our own States, the UK, Denmark,

Iceland, Austria have all lifted covid restrictions, as the peak has now passed and so too should Queensland.

Yours sincerely,

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