

4 March, 2022

Dear Committee,

I strongly object to any Extension of the Emergency Bill for the following reasons.

Firstly, the original Emergency Bill was granted based on a projected death rate from the Alpha and Delta variants. The case numbers have shown the original modelling was substantially overestimated. Any death is tragic but the data suggests that there are 37 other causes of death that rated higher in numbers of Australians who lost their lives to mostly preventable diseases or incidents. Recent health data shows almost 99% of people recover from Covid. Further, most Covid deaths are of people who died with Covid not from Covid and predominantly these people had multiple underlying health problems. The average age of those who died with or from Covid was statistically higher than the average age of life expectancy. Furthermore, the number of Covid deaths reported did not exceed the average yearly influenza death rate. If the extension of powers is based on COVID deaths in Queensland it is evident that COVID death rates do not require an extension of these powers. This is even more evident due to the prevalence of Omicron's infection rate and the extremely low death rate compared to the delta/alpha variants. Many Queenslanders now have had COVID-19 and have developed natural immunity. An extension is not warranted and should NOT be granted.

The implications of these powers and policies have had a significant effect on our state and our communities. The economy has been crushed. Small businesses are being wiped out, with closures, bankruptcies and many more only just hanging on. The impact of lockdowns and quarantine were devastating but the addition of unnecessary mandates and medical discrimination has torn businesses and communities apart. The State has persisted with mandates despite the evidence that the injections were not successful in reducing infection or transmission. The economic and emotional impact of this has been devastating on our society. In addition, the mental health of Queenslanders is at rock-bottom and data indicates that rates of suicide have never been so high. Further, as a result of the mandates, many Queenslanders have lost their jobs and ability to provide for their families. We currently have a health care crisis, an education crisis and an age care crisis on our hands. All these careers are essential for the current and future success of our state and they are heavily affected by Covid 19 vaccination mandates. Prior to Covid, staff shortages were already an issue so for the health and safety of our state it is senseless to willingly remove highly skilled workers due to their vaccination status. Particularly, when this experimental injection has not displayed effective infection control. The media and certain Ministers continue to report that mandates have had little impact on our daily lives, however, they have failed to show the complete picture. Departments and media are only reporting the number of people who quit or were terminated. Thousands of people have lost jobs, been stood down or forced to take leave, many without pay. These people are not being represented and the public deserves to know the full extent of the mandate impacts. Skilled professionals who are not carrying any infection should be working. Preventing people from contributing to society and creating a situation where people are losing their income, homes and ability to feed their families is inhumane. All Australians have a right to work, to contribute and to provide for their families. Queensland has been torn apart by these policies that endorse discrimination oppression and division. It is time to lift the State of Emergency as the Government's own modelling shows the peak of infection has now passed. It is time to live with this

virus, like so many other viruses we have been dealing with for centuries. The extension of this bill is not logically necessary. In fact, the extension of this bill will have devastating consequences. The financial, social and medical impact of continuing them is an unacceptable risk. As a Queensland citizen, voter, tax payer, rate payer and contributing citizen, I urge you to vote against the extension of the emergency orders bill and vote for a return to a free democratic Queensland.

Please do not print or disclose my personal information including my name, signature, address or contact information when displaying this submission.

Yours sincerely,

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