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Community Support and Services Committee

Subject:

Objection to The Extension to the Emergency Bill

Date: Friday, 4 March 2022 10:54:45 AM

Dear Committee,

I very strongly object to ANY Extension of the Emergency Bill given Omicron has an extremely low death rate compared to the delta/alpha variants.

These mandates are affecting Queenslanders negatively and is placing unprecedented amounts of pressure and stress on individuals and families through lost jobs, and on the healthcare system as thousands of healthcare staff have been suspended or terminated. According to the Government's own modelling, the peak has now passed, and given many Queenslanders have now had COVID-19, and therefore have natural immunity, any extension of the Emergency Bill would be extremely detrimental to Queenslanders moving forward.

The potential for continued medical discrimination via these emergency powers is UNACCEPTABLE in any democratic society.

The original Emergency Bill was granted based on a death rate from the Alpha and Delta variants. The case numbers have indicated that the original modelling was substantially overinflated. The extension of powers is based on COVID deaths in Queensland and COVID numbers. The health data is now showing the exaggeration of such data.

Current estimates indicate that Omicron deaths are only a very small fraction of those adjusted numbers. Any extension is NOT warranted and should NOT be granted.

PLEASE LISTEN TO THE VOICES OF THE AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE. We have suffered enough because of these powers. There is no emergency anymore. It has passed. We, the people, need our jobs back. We have bills to pay and families to feed. Please don't allow this power grab and continuing discrimination by our politicians to continue any longer. We are suffering. It must end now.

Thank you for your consideration.

Glen Dreier

