Community Support and Services Committee
Oppose the State of Emergency extension
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Dear Committee, I am writing to advise that I very strongly object to the Extension of the Emergency Bill. I am a QLD government data analyst of 22 years and have an in depth understanding of the facts as they stand and the statistics regarding COVID cases, hospitalisations and deaths. Since this pandemic began the rate of people dying with COVID, which generally means they had other underlying health conditions, is only 0.01%. The people that had recorded on their death certificate of dying from COVID was significantly less at only 0.001%. This does not justify an emergency and most certainly does not justify an extension of the emergency powers. These mandates have resulted in small business being decimated, families being torn apart, loved ones dying in hospitals on their own because families aren't allowed to enter, children missing out on valuable schooling, thousands losing their jobs (many of which were healthcare workers that would be required in a real state of emergency), a significant increase in people suffering mental health issues and an increase in hospitalisations for issues that are not COVID related (but that's a whole other story).

According to the Government's own modeling, the peak has now passed. Given Omicron, as evidenced in many worldwide research papers, is more virulent but less deadly, many will have come into contact with this strain and have natural immunity, which also according to research is far superior than vaccine immunity. Queenslanders were told 2 weeks to flatten the curve. We are now at nearly 2 and half years living under a totalitarian, communist regime that resembles nothing of a democracy. People have had enough, and I am certain that if you extend these emergency powers, compliance with the orders will become increasingly difficult to police. The discrimination, segregation and locking down of society based on government data that clearly demonstrates we have never had an emergency to begin with is abhorrent and completely unjustified. Please listen and listen well. Any extension of these emergency powers is an attack on people's freedoms, livelihoods and human rights and as such the people have a right to fight back. We are not the minority anymore, and any extension to this bill will not end well for Queensland Government. Thank you for your consideration.

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