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By mail: cssc@parliament.qld.gov.au

RE: Public Health and other Legislation (Extension of expiring provisions) and Amendment Bill 2022

Dear Committee,

As a Queensland resident, I strongly object to any Extension of the Emergency Bill and demand that The Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022, introduced into the Queensland Parliament by the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services shall NOT be granted.

The original Emergency Bill, set to end on April 2022, was granted based on the evidence on death rate from Alpha and Delta variants, which is not relevant to the most current Omicron variant, due to its prevalence and extremely low death rate comparing to the previous variants.

The extension of powers is based on publicly accessible information on Covid death in Queensland and Covid numbers. However, as noted by the ABS, the original estimates were substantially overinflated, and the most current ABS data is showing the exaggeration of such data. Fortunately, current estimates reveal that Omicron dates are a very small fraction of those adjusted numbers. This is a reason, I believe that any extension to the Emergency Bill is not warranted, and consequently, this should NOT be granted.

Under the current Emergency Bill, people have been heavily discriminated. Many, including myself and my family, experienced various forms of hardship, as they lost their lives, jobs, health, and were exposed to social division and community discrimination related to the current discriminative emergency powers. Extension of such measures would potentially increase mental health issues and impose more social, financial and industrial hardship on Queenslanders, adding to what they are already going through right now.

The potential for continued discrimination via these emergency powers must not be extended as it is not supported by evidence, and is against the democracy and individual rights for freedom the citizens of the state of Queensland are entitled to.

Yours sincerely



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