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I wish to advise that I do not support an extension to the Emergency Bill.

I have just recovered from Covid-19, and have many friends who have also recovered from this virus without the need for medical intervention. Health advice on the Qld Government website stated that, if contracted, symptoms should only be mild and that recovery at home would be sufficient under most circumstances. This does not communicate to me that contracting the virus would be a certain death sentence or create some emergency situation in MOST cases. In contrast to this, I personally know 3 young adults, and have heard of at least 3 more in my locality, that have had to be admitted to hospital for heart issues within days of being vaccinated for this virus. Heart issues - in 19-21 year olds - at least 6 I know of!! Those are devastating numbers.

I also have trouble understanding why, if Queensland is in a 'state of emergency' from this virus, why thousands of doctors and nurses have been stood down due to informed decisions they have made about their own health and medical intervention? Surely these professionals would be needed to care for all of the sick people you were expecting to be admitted into hospital once the border was opened back in December? Positive cases of covid are recorded in both vaccinated and unvaccinated people, and can be spread by both, so how exactly do these measures help the public?

I also feel for employees and employers who can not commit to either showing up to work, or having their staff at work, due to isolation guidelines. In my family alone, while I had the virus, no one else tested positive, let alone had any symptoms. Yet they are forced to use their sick pay/annual leave to sit at home unnecessarily. This is crippling the workforce - on both sides. Shops that can't open or provide the usual level of service due to lack of staff. Sick pay and annual leave not being available for when staff really need it.

We have just seen the devastating effects of floods. Lost lives, lost homes, lost businesses, not to mention the infrastructure that the Government will need to repair and replace. This is a true state of emergency, where immediate action and rescue services are needed. I see no comparison between this and the virus.

People need people, community, family. These are vital for mental health and well being, and for support in times like now, after the floods. Your mandates have done nothing but keep people in fear, and segregated like animals in a zoo. And this current government is not going to be around to take responsibility for the mental health fallout.

Please do not allow this extension to the Emergency Bill. Let Queenslanders get back to doing what they do best - living in community, supporting each other through good times and bad, being loyal employees and having thriving businesses.

Yours sincerely,
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