

Committee Secretary
Community Support and Services Committee
Parliament House
George St
Brisbane QLD 4000

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

Dear Committee Secretary,

Re: Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) would like to thank the Community Support and Services Committee for the opportunity to provide feedback on the *Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022*. As the nursing profession's national leader and peak professional organisation, ACN supports all measures to ensure public safety and protect our health services and professionals.

ACN supports the extension of the temporary framework to support Queensland public health response to COVID-19. While we support the easing of restriction, we support this Amendment Bill to allow the Queensland Chief Health Officer and other designated officials the capacity and flexibility to respond to any emerging issues regarding COVID-19.

ACN would like to advise Queensland public health that consideration for future changes to the response to COVID-19 emerging issues needs to ensure higher vaccination rates than the current 80% vaccinated target for Queensland. ACN is proud to support the national vaccination effort by partnering with the Federal Government to deliver all health professionals' COVID-19 Vaccination Training Program. ACN and its members strongly encourage all Queenslanders to receive their two COVID-19 vaccinations and booster to protect themselves, their families, and the community.

If you have further enquiries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Director of Policy and Advocacy, Dr Carolyn Stapleton FACN, at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,



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Director Policy and Advocacy

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