



Queensland Branch

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Community Support and Services Committee
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To the Community Support and Services Committee

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

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the proposed *Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022* (the Bill).

The RANZCP Queensland Branch would support the proposal to further extend the operation of essential public health measures implemented to facilitate Queensland's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, until 31 October 2022.

To mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in the community, the RANZCP Queensland Branch endorses the temporary measures which are to be further extended.

These include amendments to the *Public Health Act 2005* to increase the powers for emergency officers and the Chief Health Officer to limit, or respond to, the spread of COVID-19 in Queensland, support testing and quarantine requirements and authorise other public health measures.

The College also endorses any amendments to the *Mental Health Act 2016*, to support the public health response.

To discuss this submission please contact me via Ms Nada Martinovic, Policy and Advocacy Advisor (Queensland Branch), at [REDACTED] or on ([REDACTED])

Yours sincerely

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