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Community Support and Services Committee  
Parliament House  
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**Re: Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022.**

I do not want an extension to the Emergency Bill. (until 31st October 2022) This state of emergency has already been in place for two years. This is far too long for a provision that is normally intended to only last three months.

The public health measures that are supported by this legislation are no longer essential and have been extended far too long to the point they have become very counter productive. These public health measures have addressed the controlling of the spread of the Covid-19 virus in many heavy-handed and often unnecessary ways at the cost of inflicting great economic, social and mental health damage on Queensland. The Australian Bureau of Statistics records that 69 people have died in Queensland as a result of a Covid-19 infection which is 2.7% of deaths but this represents a reduction in the rate of respiratory deaths in the population. Meanwhile, deaths as a result of alcohol consumption have increased.

Many more people have died from both alcohol consumption and suicide which are likely to be as a negative result of current Covid-19 public health measures. The current mandated vaccination requirement for employment in health, police and education have substantially reduced staffing in these services, negatively affecting the people who have become unemployed and with no net health benefit. These health directives have resulted in ten judicial review class actions being heard in the Queensland Supreme Court.

The public health measures supported by this legislation have become far worse than the original health problem. For example, while obesity problems in the population can be totally eliminated by starving the people to death, this is far worse than the original problem. No public health measure should be creating more problems than it solves.

Sincerely,



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