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To the Qld Parliamentary Committee,

I write in response to the proposed further extension of the operation of essential public health measures in response to the Covid 'pandemic' and the extension of amendments to the Corrective Services Act 2006, Disaster Management Act 2003 and Mental Health Act 2016 to support the public health response.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE the extension of such powers. Our observation and personal experience demonstrates that the effects of the public health measures on individuals, families, businesses and communities have been extremely detrimental. The costs of these measures have far outweighed any perceived or measurable benefit. They have divided the state, families and friends. They have destroyed businesses and livelihoods. They have robbed individuals and parents of their right to choose, in order to simply work and feed their families. They have denied doctors their role to interact honestly with their patients. They have denied us all of our Constitutional rights and freedoms.

To extend these powers would be self-serving, irresponsible and tantamount to treason.

It has never been legitimately demonstrated that any of the measures to date ie. lockdowns, social distancing, masks, border closures etc. have made a scrap of difference. Neither can it be proven with any scientific authenticity that a 'state of emergency' has ever existed.

I reject the notion that this is a necessary course of action. I expect this government to consider not only the well-being of Queenslanders but also the future and welfare of our great state.

Sincerely,
John Adriaans