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Committee Secretary Community Support and Services Committee Email: cssc@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Committee Secretary,

RE: PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (BILL)

I wish to formally advise that as a concerned member of the public, I **do not** support the Bill nor the extension of the state of emergency.

Also, as a member of the public, I and many others I know have suffered much negative impact and **no** benefit from the Qld government's mismanagement of the Covid situation.

I would however, totally support the return of democracy, the accountability of government and other public institutions, our rights and freedoms as citizens, the end of censorship and oppression of all kinds.

Please remember that as public servants, you are charged with the responsibility to serve the people, not the other way around.

By ending the state of emergency, you have it within your power to reverse the economic devestation of small business, the rise in stress related menetal health issues and suicides, the denigration of trust in our pulic institutions, the manipulation of public opinion through biased mainstream media that has been occurring, and most importantly of all to end all the unnecessary deaths and disabilities caused by the so-called covid 'vaccines'.

Your current policies are **not** protecting the public at all, they are merely punishing each and every one of us unnecessarily.

There is absolutely no justification for a state of emergency, particularly when we have seen how it has been used to terrorise, discriminate against, and destroy the lives and livelihoods of innocent Queenslanders. The state of emergency at this point is less about managing a crisis, and more about retaining the powers and control gained over Queenslanders since the start of the so called pandemic.

One must seriously question the cost to society of allowing oppressive control measures to continue, when the benefits are so clearly questionable.

An emergency is a sudden manifestation of urgent circumstances. With the pandemic at its end, and two years of unfounded draconian measures, there can be no real justification for a "state of emergency", for the situation is not sudden nor urgent by any stretch of the imagination.

I ask the Committee to genuinely consider whether Queensland or indeed Australia, is still a liberal democracy if the people's elected representatives continue to ignore the will of their constituents, whilst supporting the continued suspension of democracy to the obvious and undeniable detriment of the people.

I urge you to vote **against** this bill, in favour of the real needs and will of the people. Vote no to continued suffering, and in favour of the recovery and rebuilding of our free and democratic society. Your vote will be remembered, I urge you again to vote **NO** to this bill.

Sincerely,

John Edwards