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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
Subject: Extension of Public Health Emergency
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Good afternoon,

I understand the Community Support and Services Committee is accepting submissions regarding the *PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2022*.

I wish to express my position AGAINST extending the Public Health Emergency until 31 October 2022, and the subsequent regulations and powers.

There has been no COVID emergency in Queensland. As at 31 January 2022, there had been 69 deaths in QLD due to COVID-19 (<https://www.abs.gov.au/articles/covid-19-mortality-australia>).

According to the ABS, there has been a total of **2, 556** deaths in Australia from COVID-19 (<https://www.abs.gov.au/articles/covid-19-mortality-australia>).

By comparison, between January and November 2021, there have been:

44, 952 deaths from cancer

14, 188 deaths from dementia

12, 728 deaths from ischaemic heart disease

12, 053 deaths from respiratory diseases (not including COVID-19)

8, 384 deaths from cerebrovascular disease (including strokes)

4, 535 deaths from diabetes

1, 967 deaths from influenza and pneumonia

(<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/health/causes-death/provisional-mortality-statistics/jan-2020-nov-2021#key-statistics>)

The Queensland Government has used coercion and force against the people of QLD for a virus that is only slightly more lethal than influenza. The QLD Government has taken away freedoms and locked those who chose not to be vaccinated out of society.

I personally have been suspended without pay from a job I have held for 9 years, due to a vaccine mandate.

There is no emergency with respect to COVID 19, and there was never any reason to evoke emergency powers.

I respectfully request that the Committee for an opinion that the *PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2022* be rejected.

There must be:

- no increase to powers for emergency officers or the CHO to limit or respond to the spread

of COVID-19.

- no further amendments or modifications to other legislation with regard to COVID-19
- no broad powers in the act to make regulations
- no restrictions such as mask wearing or vaccination requirements
- no authorised sharing of confidential information for contact tracing
- no penalty for not complying with public health directions or quarantine requirements
- no fees to be charged for costs associated with mandatory quarantine
- no increase of the period for which a regulation may extend a declared public health emergency

Regards,

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