

To Whom it May Concern:

As a citizen of Australia, I am deeply concerned about the proposed Amendment Bill, which seeks to extend the special emergency provisions surrounding the COVID pandemic. While I do not reside in Queensland, I have friends who do, and it is part of the country I have been proud to call home.

Firstly, the emergency approval of the vaccine is dubious. I understand that 'emergency' status requires an absence of viable alternative treatments. If there is no alternative therapy available, I question the list of prohibited treatments for doctors to give for COVID (National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce, 2022).

Secondly, ABS statistics recently revealed that a significant proportion of deaths from or with COVID involved other chronic health issues. I question the integrity of the statistics that have been interpreted as indicating a bigger emergency than perhaps the reality is.

Thirdly, I understand the Omicron variant is much less dangerous than previous variants. We have never before seen the common cold or 'flu as an emergency warranting special government powers; I see no need for it now.

I have been proud to be Australian, and have felt grateful to live in a free democracy. I would like to urge the Government of Queensland to relinquish emergency powers and allow Australians to care for themselves in freedom and dignity. If not, I question the motives for maintaining these emergency powers.

Yours sincerely,  
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