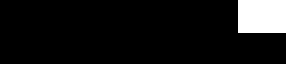


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Parliament House
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Dear Sir/Madam

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

I wish to formally advise that I **do not** support the Bill nor the extension of the state of emergency.

Over the last 2 years the state of emergency has enabled the Qld government to enforce unnecessary rules which has had a huge impact on our society including-

- Lockdowns and restrictions causing small businesses to close amounting to huge job losses.
- Mandates for our frontline workers causing staff to be suspended or stood down creating shortages across many sectors including hospitals and schools.
- Loss of free speech, bodily autonomy and freedom of conscience.
- Restrictions on people from attending sporting fixtures, theme parks, cafes, restaurants etc creating a two-tier society.
- Overwhelming increase in mental health issues and suicides.
- Spiralling debt crisis for our state which will have incredible impacts in the years to come.

This has all been enforced upon the people of Queensland for the sake of 'keeping us safe' for a virus that has a 99% recovery rate. On the 15 February 2022 the Australian Bureau of Statistics released the following-

- 2,639 people died with or from Covid 19 in Australia – with the vast majority of these having at least one pre-existing co-morbidity.
- 81.2 is the median age of males who died from Covid 19.
- 86.0 is the median age of females who died from Covid 19.

This is equal to or greater than the current life expectancy of Australians. Whilst all deaths are tragic, I note that the average number of deaths from influenza and pneumonia between 2015 and 2019 is 2,908.

Where is the emergency?

- The severity of this virus has been grossly overestimated.
- Healthy people are not at a high risk of complications from Sars-Cov-2.
- Natural infection provides long-lasting and durable protection against reinfection.

The Qld Government has continually pushed Covid vaccines as the only treatment for this virus. They promised us initially that at 70% vaccination rate, then extended to 90% our lives would return to normal.

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However, despite forcing and coercing Queenslanders into accepting two doses of these vaccines we are now told that two is not enough and a third dose is now required. Even people who have contracted Covid and recovered and have natural immunity have been forced and coerced into accepting a vaccine to protect their employment. These vaccines are still experimental and there is no long-term safety data on the risks. It has only been under a state of emergency that the government has been able to force people into participating in this medical experiment, the long-term consequences of which remain unknown. Data from around the world including the United Kingdom have recently shown that the vaccinated are more likely to contract Covid than the unvaccinated. Many other countries are now dropping all of their mandates as they realise, they have had little effect on the spread of the virus. It's time we do the same.

With the Omicron variant now endemic in our community and with hospitalisation rates rapidly decreasing there is absolutely no justification for a state of emergency to continue. People have always been responsible for their own health and can continue to make decisions which are right for themselves without unnecessary government intervention.

As an Australian I value our democracy and our rights to freedom of choice over our own bodies. I therefore urge the Committee and the Queensland Parliament to immediately end the state of emergency so that we can begin to recover what we have lost.

Regards
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