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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
Subject: Response to Extension of Emergency Bill
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the request for feedback in the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022 of which I strongly oppose.

My decision to strongly oppose this bill is based on the following facts:

1. It seems obvious from the government's own data ([Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) at a glance – 2 March 2022 \(health.gov.au\)](#)) that the wave of this variant has passed. The fear of the Omicron variant was the reason for the last extension and that is now no longer a reasonable justification.
2. The original Emergency Powers bill was granted on the death rate of the Alpha and Beta variants, of which Queensland had a total of 6 deaths by 2 January 2021 ([Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) at a glance \(health.gov.au\)](#)). This figure barely changed for the entire year of 2021 - total deaths in Queensland during 2021 was 1 person, bringing the total for COVID since March 2020 to 7 people. This on top of the fact that there were an additional 12,608+ cases of COVID but only 1 death.
3. The discrimination that has occurred during the time of these emergency powers is unacceptable in any democratic society.

The amount of pressure that people are facing through these mandates and how it affects their everyday life and their livelihood should be enough to show the government that extending these powers is not in Queensland's best interest.

Thank you for your time in this matter,

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