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To: Community Support and Services Committee

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

2022

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Attn: Committee Secretary

Community Support and Services Committee

I am asking you to vote against the extension of the State of Emergency as:

- There is no state of emergency or need to extend one
- Our own premier is inviting tourists to visit on a \$5.2 million package to promote the state. You do not do this in a state of emergency.
- COVID cases are dropping and even at their peak did not cause mass hospitalisations or deaths as predicted.
- The world at large is already 'learning to live with COVID' and getting back to normal, examples are UK and Denmark - this has improved both their economies dramatically and made no difference to the COVID statistics (mental health I'm sure has also improved).
- There is absolutely no logical reason to extend the State of Emergency, our premier promised to ease restrictions at 80% vaccination, this did not happen, in fact they became stricter (and COVID exploded).
- More and more scientists, economists and psychologists globally are pointing out the fear mongering and measures taken are doing more harm than good.
 Perhaps we could listen.



I have no political affiliations and am genuinely concerned about the current government continuing to use their powers without needing to be checked by the opposition. The point of a democracy and opposition is to keep policies balanced. There is no Emergency, we need tourism and confidence to return in order to boost the economy and peoples' mental well being. Extending the State of Emergency is not good for anyone.

Thank you.

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