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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
Subject: Public health orders
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Dear Sir

I refer to the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022 currently being considered by the Committee.

I wish to express my strong disagreement with the continuation of the Emergency Powers contained in this bill.

Queenslanders have been subject to such powers for the last two years, and much has been achieved in this time:

* The population is now highly vaccinated

* Omicron has defied predictions and has not spread as quickly as forecast and is not as virulent as previous strains.

* It is time to consider Covid as endemic, not a pandemic and focus on other pressing health issues eg smoking related deaths were 3,600 and hospitalisations were 58,700 in Queensland in 2015 - 2016.

I believe that continuing these Emergency Powers in the context where there is little public benefit could give weight to the impression that they are used capriciously and incite increasing civil disorder in the general population in the future.

Regards

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