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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
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To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to express my opinion that the emergency bill should not be extended until the 31st of October and absolutely has to expire this month. I will list below the reasons I have to support my opinion, and I will try to keep this as brief as possible.

Firstly, I just want to highlight the fact that sending an email like this is not a normal thing for me to do, but over the last two years I have noticed a downward spiral in myself and many people I care about. I now feel that it's time that ordinary people like myself start speaking up on matters like this.

From what I have observed in my community over the past two years, the Covid -19 emergency bill has caused...

- Decline in physical and mental health due to the cancellation or closure of local sport, gym, fitness activities.
- Decline in physical and mental health due to an uptake in alcohol and/or recreational drugs.
- Decline in education due to the closure of schools.
- Decline in physical and mental health due to anxiety and depression. The specific causes of these issues are extensive but to list a few major ones are - loss of income due to isolation requirements and vaccine mandates, burnout of existing employees due to isolation requirements and vaccine mandates, loss of income due to business closure, loss of relationships with loved ones and other community members over contentious debates surrounding covid - 19.

The list goes on and on but I said I'd keep this short.

The Omicron variant has now swept through and the vast majority of people I know have had little more than a sniffle.

The dot points mentioned above are the real health threat.

Everyday people have taken a big hit, and the ramifications could echo for many years to come but we now have a chance to mitigate, not intensify.

It is time to get back to the strong and healthy Australians we are. I don't know who will read this but please understand how important this time is, and how needed you are in helping everyday Australians get back on their feet. The time is now.

Thank you for your time reading this.

Yours Sincerely

Robert Wylie

