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To: <u>Community Support and Services Committee</u>

Subject: oppose extension of the state of emergency bill

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Committee Secretary

Community Support and Services Committe

I am writing to inform you that I do not support the extension to the state of emergency or the public health and other legislation (extension of expiring provisions amendment bill of 2022).

Reasons I do not support this:

- The enxtension of powers is based on covid deaths in Queensland and covid numbers. The Australian Bureau of statistics data now shows exaggeration of these numbers
- There is a general feeling in the community that these powers are now being abused
- There is much evidence that the harsh approach that has been taken under these emergnecy powers has not benefitted the wider community when weighed against the consequences of such actions
- The science from around the world is not supporting the continuation of such extreme powers
- They were always proposed as temporary measure and so 2 years in they have run their course

This bill must be rejected in it entirety.

Yours Sincerley
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