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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
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Hello,

Public Health & Other Legislation (Extensions of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022

I am writing with regards to the proposed extension of the above legislation.

I would like to firmly state my **opposition to these emergency powers being extended**. There is no current need for this extension.

Some of the devastation to Queensland citizens, families, individuals, children, over the past two years has been enormous. The government speaks much fear about covid-19, but does not address the other side of the devastation that is being caused by some of the policies that have been enacted through the use of their "emergency powers." These include:

- very qualified, intelligent, high performing people losing their jobs, in many different lines of work, because they have made an educated decision for themselves that they do not want to get a vaccine.
- employers/workplaces losing highly qualified and experienced staff due to mandates. We have seen the dramatic outcome of this with the education system losing thousands of experienced teachers. And the same happened with the Nursing profession.
- fully vaccinated people, resigning from their positions, because they are unwilling to take part in the discrimination brought about through mandates (police officers, cafe owners/workers - unless they work in a food court outlet - there seems to be no contamination there).
- People being separated from family members for extended periods of time due to unnecessary state border closures.
- Marriages being destroyed because of the stress.
- Suicide rates skyrocketing.
- And many other issues...

Who is talking about these issues? Who is addressing them? Why has our focus become so tunnel visioned that all policy has become focused on covid-19 only. This is due to the Health Minister's extended powers, and government seemingly taking advice from this one person only. In doing this, other important sectors of our society have been sidelined.

These extended "emergency powers" must come to an end. **ALL** parts of society need to be included again on the government's agenda. And these **discriminatory** regulations, through the smokescreen of public health, must end immediately. They are reflective of

the Apartheid regime from South Africa that everyone knows was a horrible era. **The long-term effects of not addressing these pressing issues will prove more costly than the covid 19 pandemic itself.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
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