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To Committee Secretary,

This letter refers to: PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (BILL)

Today you will be voting on a Bill to extend the state of emergency in Queensland. I urge you to not support this Bill nor the extension of the state of emergency anymore. This has gone on long enough now and I think deep down you know this too.

By now you would have seen the data produced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics that shows that:

- The median age for those who died from COVID-19 is 81.2 years for males and 86 years for females.
- The life expectancy for Australians dying of all causes is 81.2 years for males and 85.3 for females.

You would think that if COVID-19 was so deadly that the age that people die would be reduced, not stay the same. Now let's look at these points:

- 91.4 % of who died due to COVID-19 had pre-existing chronic conditions and/or casual sequence of events.
- Only 220 (8.6%) of people who died had COVID-19 listed alone on the death certificate.
- In 2019, 4124 people died from influenza and pneumonia.
- In 2020, 2287 people died from influenza and pneumonia.
- From the start of the pandemic in Australia to 31st January 2022, 2639 people had died with or from COVID-19.

So, in two years (2020-2022), 2639 people died with or from COVID-19. In two years (2019-2021), 6411 people died from influenza and pneumonia. So, tell me where the pandemic is again? And this is just the death statistics.

What about the small businesses that have had to close because of lockdowns and mandates? What about the mental health of people who have lost their businesses and jobs or loved ones due to suicide? What about our children who continue to have disruptions to schooling? The list could go on and on. Extending the state of emergency will not benefit any Queenslanders. This has gone on long enough. Please do what is right for the people of Queensland, if not for your sake but for the sake of our children and future generations.

Regards,

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