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**To:** [Community Support and Services Committee](#)  
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Dear Committee

I strongly object to any extension of the Emergency Bill due to the prevalence of Omicron's extremely low death rate compared to the alpha/delta variants.

I do commend the Government for its success in containing Delta outbreaks in the period up until mid December 2021, avoiding lengthy lockdowns experienced in other states. It became evident in late 2021, however, that vaccination was largely ineffective at reducing transmission of the current dominant strain. As I understand the legislation the CHO must revoke a direction if satisfied the direction is no longer necessary. The CHO did not revoke the requirement to be vaccinated for entry into certain premises, or in some cases to be vaccinated simply to attend a workplace, even though the reason given for restricting the movement of unvaccinated people was purportedly to reduce transmission and scientific data showed that vaccinated people were just as likely to transmit the virus.

We cannot trust the CHO to safeguard the human rights and liberties of individuals. I am vaccinated but that is my choice. I have been appalled to see friends, including cancer survivors, people suffering stress, and people who have suffered adverse reactions to the vaccine being demonised because they want control over what substances they put into their bodies. These people that I know are not reckless, they have modified their lifestyles to ensure they are at less risk of contracting COVID-19 to protect the public health system, they follow other measures such as safe distancing, wearing masks etc, yet have lost their jobs or have been threatened with loss of their jobs.

It is of great concern to hear that public servants in the Department of Resources imposed a vaccination mandate for 1 William Street using a Covid-19 "risk assessment" quoting media articles and preliminary modelling data rather than up to date evidence based, peer reviewed science. For some people, imposing their personal values on others appears more important than mounting an appropriately measured response to meet the current level of risk and balance that response fairly with the impact on human rights. When our top level Public Servants get it so wrong they should not be entrusted with additional powers.

Enough is enough. This is no longer an emergency. If it were, the CHO would not be advocating for the removal of face masks. This is politicking, using power to diminish human rights. It is un-Australian and it is time to stop.

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