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**To:** [Community Support and Services Committee](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Extension Of power bill. QLD says NO  
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Dear Sir/Madame,

I do not support the Bill - Public health and other legislation (extension of expiring provisions) Amendment Bill 2022.

Emergency powers given to the chief health officer and the resulting Queensland mandates are a human rights violation. Vaccination should be a choice, not a forced decision made in fear of financial and social ruin. This can no longer be allowed to continue.

The extension of powers is based on Covid deaths in Queensland. The Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows that 2556 Covid-19 related deaths occurred in Australia since the beginning of the pandemic up to Jan 31st, 2022. These numbers have been greatly exaggerated in the media. The median age for those who died from COVID-19 is 83.7 years (81.2 years for males, 86.0 years for females). The Bureau of Statistics data shows that there were 4124 deaths from Influenza in 2019 alone, with a similar median age. Influenza deaths since the beginning of this pandemic, have all but disappeared. These statistics speak for themselves. We have traded one flu for another. The damage to peoples lives that the mandates and vaccines are causing, far outweighs the damage of Covid-19 itself. Please DO NOT allow this Bill to pass. Let us not be governed by fear.

Signed by CHRIS LEACH

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