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Dear Sirs

I wish to strongly oppose the proposed extension of the Emergency Bill until October 31. 2022. Current data, particularly relating to the Omicron variant indicates that the previous restrictive mandates are no longer necessary, and indeed adversely affecting us. we need life to return now to normal.

Data clearly confirms the following;

- Transmissibility of the Covid infection is just as great for vaccinated as for unvaccinated.
- Covid deaths statistics have been misleading, our own ABS figures as at 31/01/2002 show Covid deaths are as follows;
- The total Australian deaths from Jan 2020 to the end of Jan 2022 are 273,902, and Covid related deaths are 2,639 or 0.9% of that.
- Covid deaths directly from Covid are only 8.6% of that amount, the majority have pre-existing comorbidities
- The average age of Covid deaths is 83.7 years, without trivialising any death, this figure is over the median age of Australian life expectancy.
- The above figures show that the Covid pandemic is not a threat to a major part of the Australian population.

Therefore it is time to remove the Covid shackles now as they are detrimental to the health and well being of Australians

Yours faithfully

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