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To all in Parliament,

The Qld State Government has the intention of continuing their over reach of governance by extending emergency powers Bill until 31 Oct 2022 (at least). I absolutely and uncategorically OPPOSE such measures of suppression of people, their businesses and the strangling of our State's health and wealth.

Now more than ever, after the recent devastating floods, we need to open our state fully to recover and re-gain our happy and productive state. I can't understand that this couldn't be your goal too.

If this isn't your goal, there must be an agenda that doesn't serve the people and the state of Qld because the ABS Statistics clearly show that Covid 19 is a much smaller threat than many other health issues faced by the Qld people. There have been 273,901 deaths in Qld over the last year, with ONLY 2,639 attributed to Covid 19. Of those Covid deaths, 92% had 3 or more serious underlying health conditions ie. they died WITH Covid, NOT OF Covid. Covid deaths relate to fewer than 1% of total deaths. Where is the emergency in that?

To say nothing of the increased mental health issues, the division in society caused by your segration mandates (that aren't law) and the shattered lives from businesses built over a life time and now distroyed forever. Where is the sense in that, less taxes and more welfare payments...Is there a heart, a decency and a calculator in Parliament?

Greg Hunt said, and I quote "Covid 19 was the 38th leading cause of death in 2020, with 898 registered deaths in total. Australia had the 3rd lowest Covid 19 mortality rate amongst countries in the OECD. In 2021, we have the 2nd lowest Covid 19 mortality rate." So why is there ANY consideration or thought to extend our Emergency measures?

January 1st 2022 - Lancet article cites 7 references to show ZERO evidence that the viral loads differ between the vaccinated and the unvaccinated. https:<u>www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS1473-3099(21)000768-4/fulltext</u>

You have divided our state with your unfair and inconsistent mandates, destroyed small business while big business has been allowed virtually free rein with no lockdowns for them. You have allowed football teams and their families in, allowed spectators to these matches to be unmasked while spectating but disallowed family to come across the border to see dying loved ones. You have openly sabotaged your own state and its people under the guise of a health pandemic which it is clearly not. This must stop NOW.

I implore reason and rationality to prevail in Parliament. Please end regulation of mandates and free the people to get on and rebuild our State back to being a profitable and wonderful place to live. Less governance, less interference. Treat us like adults that are intelligent and want to build a future for the generations to come while being good custodians of our State's environmental health. Believe in the people's abilities and work ethic to want to build their businesses and prosper the State with thriving businesses, delegate that responsibility to the people who want less interference and red tape, while you focus on prospering and building the state at the Government level, for longevity, not for short term parliamentary gain. We all flourish this way while having the resouces to help those in need. We can build harmony and wellbeing for a strong and thriving Qld into the future. Let's take the challenge to be the example to the other States, even Federal Parliament! Let's be the shining beacon for the rest of Australia to follow!

Yours Faithfully,

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