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By mail: cssc@parliament.qld.gov.au

RE: Public Health and other Legislation (Extension of expiring provisions) and Amendment Bill 2022

Dear Committee,

As a resident of Queensland, I strongly object to any Extension of the Emergency Bill. I demand that The Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022, introduced into the Queensland Parliament by the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services shall NOT be granted.

The original Emergency Bill, set to end on April 2022, was granted based on the evidence on death rate from Alpha and Delta variants. The most current Omicron variant, due to its prevalence and extremely low death rate cannot compare to the previous variants.

The extension of powers is based on publicly accessible information on Covid death in Queensland and Covid numbers. The ABS noted that the original estimates were substantially overinflated. The most current ABS data is showing the exaggeration of such data. Fortunately, current estimates show that Omicron deaths are a very small fraction of those adjusted numbers. For this reason, any extension to the Emergency Bill is not warranted, and consequently, this should NOT be granted.

Under the current Emergency Bill, many people, including myself and my family, experienced various forms of hardship. They lost their lives, jobs, health, and were exposed to social division and community discrimination related to the current discriminative emergency powers. Extension of such measures would potentially increase mental health issues and impose more social, financial and industrial hardship on Queenslanders, adding to what they are experiencing right now.

The potential for continued discrimination via these emergency powers MUST NOT BE extended, as it is not supported by evidence. This is against the democracy and individual rights for freedom the Queenslanders are entitled to.

Yours sincerely



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