

4 March, 2022

Dear Committee,

I strongly object to any Extension of the Emergency Bill for many reasons.

The original Emergency Bill was granted based on a projected death rate from the Alpha and Delta variants. The case numbers have shown the original modelling was significantly overestimated. All deaths are tragic however, the data suggests that there are 37 other causes of death that rated higher in numbers of Australians who lost their lives to mostly preventable diseases or incidents. The health data clearly shows almost 99% of people recover from Covid. Most of the Covid deaths are of people who died with Covid not from Covid and most of these people had multiple underlying health problems. The average age of those who died with or from Covid was statistically higher than the average age of life expectancy. The number of Covid deaths reported did not exceed the average yearly influenza death rate. If the extension of powers is based on COVID deaths in Queensland it is evident that COVID death rates do not require an extension of these powers. This is even more evident due to the prevalence of Omicron's infection rate and the extremely low death rate compared to the delta/alpha variants. Many Queenslanders have had COVID-19 and have developed natural immunity. An extension is not warranted and should NOT be granted.

The implications of these powers and policies have had a significant effect on our state and our communities. The economy has been crushed. This has severely impacted small business through closures and bankruptcies with many more only just hanging on. The impact of lockdowns and quarantine were devastating but the addition of unnecessary mandates and medical discrimination has torn businesses and communities apart. Despite the evidence that the injections were not successful in reducing infection or transmission the State continued to push the mandates. Our society has been devastated by the economic and emotional impacts. Furthermore, it has had widespread negative impacts on the mental health of Queenslanders evidenced by the unprecedented suicide rates. Queensland is facing crisis pandemic. We currently have a health care crisis, an education crisis and an age care crisis on our hands. All these carers are essential for the current and future success of our state and they are heavily affected by Covid 19 vaccination mandates. Prior to Covid, staff shortages were already an issue so for the health and safety of our state it does not make sense to willingly remove highly skilled workers due to their vaccination status. Particularly, when this experimental injection has not displayed effective infection control.

The media and some politicians continue to claim mandates have not impacted our daily lives, however, they have only shown part of the picture. Departments and media have only reported the number of people who quit or were terminated. Thousands of people have lost jobs, been stood down or forced to take leave, many without pay. These people are not being represented and the public deserves to know the full extent of the mandate impacts. Infection free, skilled professionals should be working. These ready, willing and able workers are being prevented from contributing to society. Many are being forced into financial hardship, potentially losing their income, homes and ability to feed their families. Every Australian has the right to work, to contribute and to provide for their families. Queensland has had enough of these policies that endorse discrimination oppression and division. It is time to lift the State of Emergency as the Government's own modelling shows the peak of infection has now passed. It is time to live with this virus, like so many other viruses we have

been dealing with for centuries. The extension of this bill is not logically necessary. In fact, the extension of this bill will have devastating consequences. The financial, social and medical impact of continuing them is an unacceptable risk. As a Queensland citizen, voter, tax payer, rate payer and contributing citizen, I urge you to vote against the extension of the emergency orders bill and vote for a return to a free democratic Queensland.

Please do not print or disclose my personal information including my name, signature, address or contact information when displaying this submission.

Yours sincerely,

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