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Committee Secretary Community Support and Services Committee Email: cssc@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Committee Secretary,

RE: PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (BILL)

I wish to formally advise that as a concerned citizen, I **do not** support the Bill nor the extension of the State of Emergency.

From my understanding the State of Emergency is set in place by the Qld Government, to protect the people. However, as a concerned citizen, I and many others have suffered much negative impact and **no** benefit from the Qld Government's grossly mismanaged State of Emergency. These impacts are economic devastation of small business, rising numbers of suicides and health issues, breakdown of families, segregation of the people leading to the destruction of lives and livelihoods of Queenslanders. There is absolutely no justification for a State of Emergency, particularly when we have seen how it has been used to terrorise and discriminate. One must seriously question the cost to society of allowing oppressive control measures to continue, when the benefits are so clearly questionable.

By ending the state of emergency, you have it within your power to reverse the economic devestation, the lack of trust in our public institutions, the manipulation of public opinion through biased mainstream media, which must be stopped, and most importantly, to end all the unnecessary deaths and disabilities.

An emergency is a sudden manifestation of urgent circumstances. With the pandemic at its end, and two years of unfounded draconian measures, there can be no real justification for a "state of emergency," for the situation is not sudden nor urgent by any stretch of the imagination.

I ask the Committee to genuinely consider whether Queensland or indeed Australia, is still a liberal democracy if the people's elected representatives continue to ignore the will of their constituents, whilst supporting the continued suspension of democracy to the obvious and undeniable detriment of the people.

I urge you to vote **against** this bill, in favour of the real needs and will of the people. Vote no to continued suffering, and in favour of the recovery and rebuilding of our free and

democratic society. Your vote will be remembered, I urge you again to vote **NO** to this bill.

Yours sincerely

Howard Hall