Friday 4th March, 2022

To the Committee Members,

I wish to make a submission with regards to the 'Public Health and other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022' as a Queensland resident and an interested party.

It is my position that I DO NOT want an extension to the 'Covid-19 Emergency Response Act 2020'.

Over the past 2 years Queenslanders have followed all State and Federal mandates to stop the spread of Covid-19, to the point that the actual numbers of Covid-19 cases both in hospital and in total are far lower than predicted modelling suggested.

So much so, that some restrictions have now been lifted.

It is my belief, and the belief of many others I have spoken with, that as some Covid-19 restrictions are being lifted an extension to the 'Covid-19 Emergency Response Act 2020' by the introduction and passing of the 'Public Health and other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022' is not warranted.

Furthermore, it is my belief that instead of extending the expiry date of the 'Covid-19 Emergency Response Act 2020', the expiry date should be brought forward from the 30th April 2022 and expire at an earlier date to allow businesses to return to 'pre-Covid-19' operations and allow people to return to work.

It is my hope, that you will take my suggestion into consideration when the committee deliberates on the 'Public Health and other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022' and I reiterate the need to end the 'Covid-19 Emergency Response Act 2020' prior to April 2022, thus returning the state of Queensland to pre-Covid-19 prosperity.

Yours sincerly,

