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To: <u>Community Support and Services Committee</u>

Subject: SUBMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS)

AMENDMENT BILL 2022

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To:

Committee Secretary Community Support and Services Committee Parliament House George Street Brisbane Qld 4000

From:



Dear Committee Secretary,

In Queensland, we have seen and lived with COVID-19 over the past two years. More recently when the Qld borders opened, we saw Covid spread and peak amongst the community, family and friends.

Generally we have seen people catch the virus and on average have the symptoms for two to three days with cold/flu like symptoms, mostly mild symptoms in the general healthy public.

We have also seen that the Covid deaths **from or directly due to covid** virus is significantly lower than the figures shown that died **with** Covid, generally the deaths with Covid have underlying 'pre-existing' chronic conditions.

What we are seeing is mental, physical, societal and economic damage this 'State of Emergency powers' is causing to the people of Queensland. We are clearly seeing business closing, many people under financial stress, suicide rates have risen significantly, many good Queenslanders have lost their jobs and many divided families and friends with the current mandates in place causing a two-tiered society, This is not what we are, we are people that come together as we have seen in the current flood situation where masks or vaccination status don't mean a thing when someone need assistance or the 'mud army' come to help.

We also see other states in Australia and many countries around the world dropping the mandates as they learn to live with Covid and move from Covid being a pandemic to endemic and by putting an end to the 'Temporary Emergency measures' this will assist Queensland people to move forward.

It's now time to give the Queensland people a positive environment to live in and let people get on with their lives and end this government over-reach. The 'Temporary Emergency measures' are just that - Temporary and there is defiantly no Covid emergency in play in Queensland, I unequivocally and resoundingly DO NOT want an

extension to the Emergency Bill.

