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Dear Community Support and Services Committee,

I do not support the proposed Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022.

For the community to recover and live with COVID-19, which has been identified globally as the way forward, people need stability and trust in government. The Emergency Powers under the Public Health Act have served their purpose and there is no need for them to continue. Extending such powers will only see a further degradation of society due to the ongoing uncertainty and fear they elicit in relation to further directions and restrictions being enforced.

International borders have reopened, contact tracing and quarantine requirements have eased, Queensland vaccination numbers are high, and hospitalisations continue to decrease, there is absolutely no need to extend these emergency powers. There has been no evidence of further variants in other countries, instead countries such as the United Kingdom have significantly eased restrictions and vaccine mandates in recent weeks.

Please reconsider extending these arrangements. The people of Queensland need certainty and a focus on revival of communities, not the looming possibility of further restrictions which these powers make possible.

I'm sharing my thoughts on behalf of many people within my community who were unaware of the opportunity to provide feedback and do not have the time noting the 4 March deadline.

I wish you all the best with your discernment.

Kind regards,



Helen Maloney