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**To:** [Community Support and Services Committee](#)  
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Good Morning,

I am writing to voice my opposition to permitting the passing of the Extension to the Emergency Bill in Queensland parliament. The "emergency" and "pandemic" is well and truly over. There is no excess mortality in Queensland (or Australia) to normal levels of deaths from the flu and upper respiratory virus and infection. "Emergency Powers" must only be granted to authorities in Queensland for exceptional circumstances due to the large restrictions and impositions that it can place on individuals. Individuals are in fact more negatively affected by the "Emergency Powers" than the COVID-19 virus currently in Queensland. These negative impacts and restrictions on individuals have resulted in astounding job loss due to vaccine rules and segregation in society (particularly in the areas of healthcare, tourism, event management, funerals, dining and schools to name a few). The long protraction of the "emergency powers" and restrictions will only compound the negative impacts. Three years is an extraordinary and unprecedented length of time to allow "emergency powers" to be enacted. Emergency Powers and their restrictions have now been lifted in other Australian states, in Europe and, in a High Court ruling last week in New Zealand the High Court ruled to overturn the Police and Defence Force vaccine mandates. Potentially hundreds of personnel – some sacked, some who took leave without pay – must be allowed to return to work - media release statement: In those circumstances the Court found that the significant adverse effects for those Police and Defence Force personnel who faced termination meant that the measure was not a reasonable limit on their rights demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society in accordance with s5 of the Bill of Rights. The Order was accordingly unlawful. (<https://www.courtsolnz.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/MR-2022-NZHC-291.pdf>) THE HIGH COURT OF NEW ZEALAND The nature of the claim Justice Cooke upheld the applicants' claims that two rights in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 had been limited by the mandate — the right to refuse a medical treatment under [www.courtsolnz.govt.nz](https://www.courtsolnz.govt.nz) I plead with you and the departments to act reasonable and fairly, and revoke or discontinue this unjustified, undemocratic use of emergency powers on the Queensland public. There is no longer any justification for the powers and it is time to stop using the exaggeration of the COVID-19 virus statistics to deny basic human rights for Queenslanders to work and function in society. Please see my below contact details for a full and valid submission:

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