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To: Community Support and Services Committee

Subject: Objection to the Extension of the Emergency Bill

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Dear Committee.

I strongly object to any Extension of the Emergency Bill. The predicted deaths have not eventuated and the majority of people, though succumbing to illness are recovering with little more than symptoms of the regular flu.

The potential for continued restrictions for unvaccinated individuals via these emergency powers is unacceptable to any democratic society.

These have detrimentally affected me in several ways:

- loss of my job in the education sector in which I served the local community for 8 years
- affecting my social circles
- mental health issues within my extended family
- tension created by mandates within my extended family
- freedom to worship without need for face masks
- work colleagues under so much pressure as I cannot return to help them
- unable to visit my father who 95 years old
- mental and financial hardship related to these issues

The negatives of these mandates and the pressure it is placing on Queenslanders through lost jobs and a pressured healthcare system, mental health issues, far outweigh the negatives going forward. Particularly when it seems that many Queenslanders have had COVID-19, now have natural immunity, and according to the Government's own modelling the peak has now passed.





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