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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to say that I am opposed to the extension of the State of Emergency Bill. This state has been through a lot, however, we are a strong people and able to think and make choices for ourselves. I am tired of being treated like a toddler. Until Dec 17, I dealt with small children everyday but am now unable to attend my place of employment despite being perfectly healthy and able to do the same job I have been doing throughout these past 2 years. I have also been unable to complete my Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care, despite having successfully completed all assessments, as I cannot be 'observed in the workplace', my teacher is unable to sign me off. I cannot express how disappointed I am by this or the anguish it has caused.

There are many elements to health. The biggest impact I have seen from this situation has been that of mental health. Fear and loathing, has been promoted by this government with the assistance of the mainstream media. Many respected professionals, from a range of professions have been labelled and made to look incompetent by choosing their right to free choice and bodily autonomy.

Reading through the Statement of Compatibility has made me feel physically unwell. The control given through this is appalling. People are not dying in the streets. The vast majority of people who have passed, irrelevant of their vaccination status have been aged over 80 and the Chief Health officer has stated that most of the deaths, regardless of age have had comorbidities. The current strain may have a high infection rate but for the most part the symptoms are very mild. Surely the impact on the health system cannot be that much of a concern or you would not have allowed so many staff to be fired or stood down based on their personal medical choices. We are all aware COVID-19 can be caught and spread regardless of status, so this is really just discrimination and punishment for the non-compliant. Creating division in society will certainly attribute to more health issues.

As a result, I see no lawful or reasonable excuse for this to be extended any further.

No more mandates, discrimination, segregation, bullying, coercion, gaslighting or overreach from this government.

Regards,

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