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**To:** [Community Support and Services Committee](#)  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of myself and my family to express our strong disagreement with any proposal to continue the State of Emergency in Queensland with respect to Covid-19.

There is nothing like an emergency occurring with respect to Covid-19, the disease. Indeed, almost everyone is catching omicron, but most people are getting over it in a day or so. It is likely that the numbers who have contracted Omicron are many times what the government figures are suggesting. It is likely that many people are getting sick and just recovering at home, without even taking a RAT and so they will have no basis to report to the government. This is good news for Queensland as many people will now have natural immunity which is likely to protect them from any further variants of covid-19 should they occur.

Furthermore, all measures such as masking, social distancing and “vaccination” have shown themselves to be largely ineffective in terms of stopping or even reducing the transmission of omicron. Hence, all such measures should be removed immediately, including all vaccination mandates and restriction of visitors to hospitals and aged care settings based on vaccination status. Tools such as RATs and even temperature checks and symptom checks can be used to help ensure the safety of the more vulnerable, while allowing most of society to function normally. Limiting access by the “unvaccinated” to coffee shops, restaurants, museums, shows, weddings and the like has always been an overreach and now looks ridiculous because of the high community spread of omicron.

A real state of emergency looks like what is happening in SE Qld and northern NSW in terms of flooding. The so-called covid emergency is over. Any attempts to continue a covid state of emergency is merely power-grabbing on the behalf of government and health officials. It will not be viewed kindly by many in the electorate. As for those who have been and remain terrified by the continual scaremongering by media and government alike, it is now time for government, health officials and media to try to repair the psychological damage done to these people so that they can function properly in a post-covid world.

Yours sincerely,

Lillian Barton

And the voting age members of my family living at home: Stephen Barton, Emily Barton, Courtney Barton, Kate Barton, Laura Barton and Abi-Lee Barton

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