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To: <u>Community Support and Services Committee</u>

Subject: Extension of Emergency Bill

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To whom it may concern,

I contact you to request for the strong consideration to **not** extend the emergency power and vaccination mandates.

The vaccine has not prevented transmission

While the mandate of two jabs was put in place to 'protect' citizens against the virus, it has been clear that the vaccine has not prevented the transmission of the virus. The proposed two jabs has now also turned in to three with potentially a forth needed by the end of the year. Since the mandate has been introduced, the average daily COVID cases has increased rather than decreased. The censorship on sharing the adverse reactions from the vaccine is also a large concern.

COVID deaths represent less than one percent of Australia's death toll in the last 22 months

Statistics from the ABS show that 92 percent of Australia's COVID related deaths were people with up to three underlying health conditions and primarily on the elderly population. Thousands more of our general public have in the same period died from other serious health conditions such as heart disease, alzheimer's, diabetes and dementia. COVID deaths in fact only represent fewer than one percent of Australia's total deaths over the past 22 months. I do not see the need for a vaccine mandate in light of these statistics.

Loss of quality staff in speciality areas

The vaccine mandates have seen many highly trained and skilled workers stood down from their jobs leaving staff shortages in health care, education and more. These are highly specialised professions which are impacting our young people and those who are sick and vulnerable.

I call on the Premier to immediately end the mandate for all Queenslanders so we can get back to some form of normality.

Regards, Simone Keane