

Committee Secretary
Community Support and Services Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Re: Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022.

I wish to request that the Emergency Bill should not be extended until 31st October 2022. The state of emergency provision is normally intended to only last three months. It has now been in place for two years, which is much longer than is in the spirit of the provision, reasonable or fair

The public health measures underpinned by this legislation have ceased to be essential and have been extended way beyond the point of effectiveness and have become counter productive. The draconian and often unwarranted ways the public health measures have dealt with the control of the spread of the Covid-19 virus has senselessly inflicted the people of Queensland with great financial losses and serious social, physical and mental health issues. For example, more people have died as a result of alcohol consumption than have died from Covid-19 infection. Suicides also have been a negative result of current Covid-19 public health measures.

The current cruel “no jab, no job” mandated vaccination requirement for employment in health, police and education have had a crippling effect on these services. The substantial reduction in staffing has negatively affected the people who have become unemployed as well as the clients they serve with no health benefit to anyone and many have experienced serious health issues as a result in a shortage of staff in nursing homes, hospitals and in the community due to the loss of general practitioners. There are currently ten judicial review class actions being heard in the Queensland Supreme Court as a direct result of these counterproductive health directives.

The public health measures underpinned by this legislation have caused far worse problems than the original health issues caused by Covid-19. The cure has been worse the complaint. Alcohol causes huge problems in the community and yet there are no mandates to stop the sale of alcohol. Driving cars results in deaths on our roads yet driving has not been banned. Healthy people in the work force who are not vaccinated do not cause any harm to the vaccinated or anyone else and therefore the mandates prohibiting employers to employ unvaccinated staff should not be extended.

Sincerely,



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