

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

Mrs Simone Wilcox

March 4, 2022

Dear Secretary,

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

I write to express my objection to the above Bill tabled on Feb 22, 2022.

At the commencement of the Covid-19 pandemic, Queenslanders were told that we needed to lock down for two weeks to 'flatten the curve'. What has sprung from that is significant overreach by the current government. This overreach has led to the following, which is not an inclusive list.

- Medical mandates that have led to the loss of thousands of jobs in Education, Healthcare (including nurses and paramedics), Childcare, Policing, Retail and Aviation to name a few.
- Others have been coerced into receiving a medical procedure in order to keep their jobs, or not be ostracised by their families.
- People have been separated from loved ones in their final moments, others denied medical treatment, supposedly because this is all about health.
- Borders have been closed. Families separated and divided due to the dictates of the government
- Suicide has increased. Mental health has declined significantly.
- Businesses throughout Queensland have been closed and thousands and thousands of people have lost their livelihoods and their homes.
- Bodily autonomy has been removed and the rights of parents to make decisions for and with their children have been removed.
- Millions and millions, probably billions of taxpayer money has been spent on testing, vaccinating, and building so called quarantine centres. All without accountability to the people this government represents and serves.

All of these have occurred under the Emergency Measures introduced and extended time and time again.

- We have access to vaccines with well over 90% of the Qld population having received theirs.
- We have access to effective medication - albeit that has been withheld for the last two years - also under the auspices of the State of Emergency and supposedly our health.

There is absolutely **no need to extend these powers**. The constituents - the voting public of Qld - have had enough. It is time for this to stop. Let us make decisions for our own safety, health and well being and stop Qld from becoming a Nanny State. It is not the role of the government to make our decisions for us or dictate what medical procedures we want to undergo.

Remove the State of Emergency and end the mandates. Let people go back to work and get on with their lives. The only emergency we currently have in Queensland is the floods - and they will subside naturally as they have always done. Perhaps this will reunite Queenslanders who have been divided by the 'them and us' rhetoric we have heard for the last 2+ years.

Yours Sincerely,
Simone Wilcox