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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
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Hello

My name is Markeesha Joy Lee, [REDACTED]
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I write to you to beg you to NOT extend the State of Emergency in QLD.

Please take this email as my written submission that as a Queensland Tax Payer and resident I DO NOT support the extension to the State of Emergency in QLD. I DO NOT believe that the State of Emergency is necessary and an extension to this would cause more harm than good.

At the moment our state is divided. Vaccine mandates have caused a massive segregation in our community, pitting family and friends against each other and they make absolutely no sense given the fact that COVID can be passed on by unvaccinated and vaccinated alike. I personally know both vaccinated and unvaccinated people who have contracted covid and there was little difference in severity of symptoms in the vaccinated, in fact, my unvaccinated friends got over it quicker!! How can this be explained?

The Vaccine is not stopping or even slowing the spread so to take away rights from people not wanting to have it is just plain wrong. The premier has used the State of Emergency to enforce mandates and ridiculous rules for no reason other than to force people to take an experimental vaccine that could cause harm in the future and I don't believe it has been used to keep Queenslanders safe at all.

There has been an exaggeration of COVID data and the real facts are slowly starting to come out but in the meantime people's lives are being affected. Suicide rates have gone up and mental health is at an alltime high.

My workplace (QLD Govt) has just mandated the vaccine so I am about to lose my job. I am a single mother of a 5 year old and I also foster 2 beautiful children. I need to be able to pay bills just like anyone else and I am concerned how I will do that going forward. Mandating vaccines to be able to earn a living is so wrong. If I took the vaccine and was injured, what am I meant to do?? I can't take that risk and I should not be penalised for it. The fact that I can still go to a shop but am unable to meet a friend for coffee or go out for a meal with my family is cruel and unjust. I can't take my children to theme parks that I've spent a lot of money on. WHY? They are outdoors??? Doesn't make sense and it should stop.

Please DO NOT extend the State of Emergency further. Giving that kind of power to this premier when there is no immediate danger is not in the best interests of anyone and is not needed! The risk of COVID is NO LONGER a state of emergency. The impact this is having on people is far worse than any virus. People are losing their jobs, family and friends and their mental health is suffering severely!! This is NOT ok.

Thank you for your time, Do the right thing and DO NOT extend the State of Emergency.

Yours sincerely
Markeesha Lee

