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**To:** [Community Support and Services Committee](#); [Joseph Dowling](#)  
**Subject:** DO NOT approve of the Extension to the Emergency Bill (until 31st October 2022)  
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I hereby **do not approve** of the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022 (Bill).

Every death, whether Covid related or not is tragic, however, the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics released shows that:

- Over 22 months of Covid-19, 273,901 Australia died, however of these deaths only 2,639 were Covid related with 92 percent of these peoples deaths having three serious underlying condition.
- To compare to an event that does not have emergency powers installed, in 2019, 4,124 people died of the flu. This is more deaths in a 12 month period, than a 22 month period of Covid.
- Of the non-Covid deaths in the past 22 months, 100,000 people died of cancer, 32,000 died of heart disease, 30,000 died of Alzheimer's and Dementia, and 10,000 died of diabetes. All of these events do not have emergency powers.
- Therefore, Covid related deaths represent fewer than one percent of the total deaths in Australia over the past 22 months. The media age of COVID deaths was 81 years for men and 86 years for women. Both of these ages are above the life expectancy in Australia.

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