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Dear Committee,

I strongly object to an extension of the Emergency Bill and kindly ask you to vote against it. The reasons being:

- We do not have and have not had a public health emergency in Queensland as evidenced by the fact that our hospitals are not and have not been overwhelmed and we have never experienced a shortage of ICU beds or ventilators.
- Observing the case numbers, it is evident that the original modelling was substantially overinflated
- The number of infections are constantly falling with only a minimal amount of infected patients requiring hospitalisation
- Mandates, restrictions and states of emergency are being dropped around the world, even in countries where the infection rate and death toll has been significantly higher than in Queensland.
- Mandates and states of emergency around the world have proven to be unsuccessful in stopping the spread of COVID-19
- Mandates and restrictions have had a catastrophic effect on tourism, hospitality and small business.
- The continued discrimination via these emergency powers has had and will continue to have catastrophic effects on the lives and livelihoods of thousands of people and is unacceptable in any democratic society
- Many Queenslanders have had COVID-19 and now have natural immunity
- According to the Government's own modelling, the peak has now passed – So why would there be a need for an extension of the Emergency Bill?

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