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Do not allow further extension of Declared Public Health Emergency

Dear Committee,

I write to you to voice my strong objections against any extension of the Declared Public Health Emergency – COVID-19 and accompanying emergency powers. Please accept my supporting points.

- The emergency powers go completely against the Australian democratic way of life. Federation brought Australia together as a nation to be governed by the elected government. Ensuring **no one person** was given all the power. Rules, directions and laws are to be discussed, and voted on by those elected by the people.
- These dangerous emergency powers give all the power to the Chief Health Officer, and it is clear these powers have gone far beyond ethical health measures. The negative effects from mandates, restrictions and lockdowns will be felt for decades to come.
- an evolutionary biologist has stated that SARS-CoV-2 will not be eradicated, rather, it will become **endemic** the fifth coronavirus to permanently establish itself in humans, alongside four 'seasonal' coronaviruses that cause relatively mild colds and have been circulating in humans for decades or more.
- Being unvaccinated and having personally experienced Covid-19, it is clear it is a mild cold, easily managed at home and certainly not something that justifies these emergency powers. It is very clear we are entering an endemic stage. Just like our mother country and others, we need to move to a 'Living with Covid' plan and remove all legal restrictions and mandates.
- The Queensland Government state COVID-19 cases over the last **two years** have equalled 582, 696. Of these cases 99.9% of people have recovered.
- Only 0.1% of cases have passed away. The Australian Bureau of Statistics states that
 the median age of those that have died from COVID-19 is 86 years; 87.2% of deaths
 due to COVID-19 have pre-existing chronic conditions certified on the death
 certificate with Dementia being the most common.

- Covid-19 remains the 35th cause of death in Australia
- The state of emergency has ended. Perspective is needed around it.
- Remove the mandates, end the use of experimental vaccines, give the people back their medical autonomy and human rights to choose what goes in their bodies without consequences like the loss of employment, income, social isolation, or visitation of loved ones to name a few.
- The experimental mRNA vaccines are not stopping the spread nor rate of infection. They need to be stopped or people given their bodily medical autonomy and human rights to choose without consequences.
- The Covid 19 virus itself is a type of vaccine. It creates both B-cell and T-cell immunity. Due to a large amount of "infection exposure" the risk of serious illness from Covid-19 has been dramatically reduced." -Bill Gates.
- For me personally this state of Emergency and directions issued with its powers has caused myself and my family extreme stress, turmoil, uncertainty and can possibly take our home if it's allowed to continue.
 - I am a passionate, committed and experienced critical care nurse. Yet right now I am suspended and facing disciplinary action.
 - Due to my increased risks of fatal bleeding, a known side effect of the mRNA vaccines, I applied for an exemption from the vaccines, but this was denied.
 - <u>Under the current state of emergency, I was informed that it was justified to withhold my human rights.</u>
 - Under the current state of emergency, for me to continue my career, and keep my employment, I am being forced to take an experimental vaccine that could kill me!!
 - My religious exemption was also declined. Putting something into my body, the temple of God, that can potentially end my life or severely disable me goes against my Christian beliefs.
 - <u>Under the current state of emergency, my rights to religious freedom are also</u> not acknowledges nor respected.
 - <u>Under the current state of emergency, I have been told that I am not even allowed to work from home without being vaccinated.</u>
 - Even with a justified reason to not risk the experimental vaccines, a medical exemption after now having COVID, natural antibodies that are far more efficient than vaccine induced antibodies I am still suspended and facing termination.

- All due to not following the Chief Health Officers direction under this state of Emergency to have a vaccine that as the Government website states, I am 'more at risk of having side effects to than a severe reaction to Covid.'
 - Our medical systems, educational facilities, essential workers and even nonessential workers cannot afford to have any more staff shortages.
 - The Chief Health Officer is currently causing our state to lose thousands of extremely talented and experienced nurses, teachers, paramedics, doctors, radiographers, aged care assistants, physiotherapist and lots more.
 - What is being imposed on people under this state of emergency has caused a
 great burden on our mental health system. Depression, suicide and loss of
 hope in both adults and children is far too prevalent.

I employ you to remove this state of emergency, the mandates, the use of experimental and not fully approved vaccines and stop justifying what is a complete violation of people's human rights and freedoms. The emergency is over.

Kind Regards, Elissa Hooper