

Submission in Response to “Public health and other legislation (extension of expiring provisions)”

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Introduction

I am a business owner in the far north of this state who has suffered under the state's mandates. My friends have lost their jobs while staff shortages decimate all industries and services. My teenage boys say they are losing the prime of their lives. There is now a negative gain for the state to continue to act under the state of emergency. Time has come to let go.

Therefore my family and I strongly object to any Extension of the Emergency Bill due to the prevalence of Omicron's extremely low death rate compared to the delta/alpha variants.

Key points to consider

1. The original Emergency Bill was granted based on a death rate from the Alpha and Delta variants.
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3. The case numbers have indicated that the original modelling was substantially overinflated.
4. The extension of powers is based on COVID deaths in Queensland and COVID numbers
5. The health data is now showing the exaggeration of such data.
6. Current estimates indicate that Omicron deaths are only a very small fraction of those adjusted numbers. Therefore any extension is not warranted and should NOT be granted.
7. The potential for continued discrimination via these emergency powers is unacceptable to any democratic society.
8. Many Queenslanders have had COVID-19, now have natural immunity, and according to the Government's own modelling the peak has now passed.
9. The economy is suffering
10. Mental health in my communities has become a huge issue.
11. My community is divided at a time when we need to unite.

Conclusion

As a family woman and business owner, I implore the committee to do the right thing for the people of this great state of Queensland. Say no to the Extension of the Emergency Bill.