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### **Re: Public Health and other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provision) Amendment Bill 2022**

I am writing to you to state that I OBJECT to the above proposed legislation, and I would like for you to include my submission for your consideration.

For your convenience, I have stated my reasons below:

#### An update of the Australian Bureau of Statistics Data:

The legislation in question was based upon the Queensland Government's acknowledgement of Covid-19 deaths in Queensland based on data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data - this is now outdated data. The updated ABS data clearly shows that:

- i. Covid-19 was responsible for 0.96% of deaths over 22 months (2020-2021) and of those deaths, 92% had 3 comorbidities with an average age of 81yrs (men) and 86yrs (women) – which is above the average life expectancy.
- ii. In 2020 there was a decrease in mortality in Australia, with a significant reduction in respiratory diseases.
- iii. The ABS data also states that Covid-19 is the 38<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in Australia, with the leading cause of deaths remaining as heart diseases, diabetes, dementia etc.

#### The negative impact of the above proposed legislation on health:

The proposed legislation will have a detrimental effect on the health and wellbeing of Queenslanders, due to:

- i. Covid-19 restrictions are preventing Queenslanders from participating in recreation and leisure activities, encouraging children and teens to stay indoors and inactive. This is contributing to and creating a devastating problem for our future generations in terms of what we know ARE the leading causes of death in Australia. As a parent, this concerns me gravely,
- ii. There was a steep increase in the suicide rate since these Emergency Powers were put in place. Failure to acknowledge these statistics is negligent. The effect they are having on the mental health of Queenslanders is devastating.

#### The Emergency Powers underpin the vaccine mandates:

Across Government and the private sector, these mandates have decimated industries big and small.

- i. Covid-19 vaccination mandates and restrictions have caused marriage breakups, kept people from seeing dying family members, stopped people from attending weddings and funerals, kept

fathers from their newborn babies, closed schools and disrupted education, caused an increase in suicides and caused a loss of trust in doctors, teachers, politicians and the police force.

- ii. There is currently a teacher shortage across Queensland. Reports from school indicate schools are not coping with critical staff shortages, regardless of what the Education Minister claims. I know this because I am witnessing it first-hand.
- iii. Hospitals, aged care facilities and police service are understaffed due to mandates.
- iv. The current wait time for an ambulance Code 1 is upwards of an hour in many places in QLD.
- v. A continuation of emergency powers will only cripple our frontline services further putting Queenslanders at greater risk.
- vi. During the recent flooding in February 2022 experiences swift water rescue crews were sitting at home because they could not travel to another region for fear of spreading COVID, yet the same personnel can travel the same regions when not acting in a QFES capacity.

The negatives of these mandates and the pressure it is placing on Queenslanders through lost jobs and a pressured healthcare system, far outweigh the negatives going forward. Particularly when it seems that many Queenslanders have had COVID-19, now have natural immunity, and according to the Government's own modelling the peak has now passed.

Thank you for considering my submission,

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