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**To:** [Community Support and Services Committee](#)  
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Dear Committee Secretary,

RE: PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (BILL)

I am writing to formally advise that I **do not** support the bill nor the extension to state of emergency.

If this is extended then we will have been living in a state of emergency for almost three years. Many in our community are suffering from anxiety and isolation as a result of lockdowns, mandates, and the fear that the government's response to the pandemic has fostered, and it is time for this to end. The wellbeing of the individual has been sacrificed in the name of "the wellbeing of the community at large". However, the net result has been

- The devastation of middle-class businesses whilst major corporations raked in record profits in comparative industries.
- The rise in demand for mental health services since March 2020 (<https://documents.parliament.qld.gov.au/committees/HEC/2020/PublicHealth2020/trns-22Jan2021-PH.pdf>).
- The disintegration of trust in our public institutions;
- Many other harrowing examples of loss and suffering.

By its very nature and function, a state of emergency suspends democracy, individual freedom, and open public discourse. It then proceeds to replace it with governance by fiat whereby dangerous powers are left in the hands of leaders who are more than eager to abuse them at the expense of the community whilst claiming to be acting for that same community's interests.

We seek to live in a democratic society, but our rights have been suspended for far too long, and we have no way to remedy that because legal challenges to mandates and emergency declarations have all been found wanting, despite other liberal democracies around the world finding a measure of reprieve (and natural justice) through the courts.

I think that Stephen Andrew, Queensland MP for Mirani, has captured public sentiment quite accurately when discussing the SOE: "Since then, we have seen our economy smashed, small businesses decimated, hundreds of thousands of jobs lost and people's lives turned upside down. All sacrificed on the altar of "public safety" – along with free speech, the right to peaceful assembly, the right to work, freedom of conscience, bodily autonomy, government transparency and public trust in our institutions. Even worse, has been the fundamental change in our relations with each other, a change clouded by suspicion and distrust."  
(<https://www.facebook.com/StephenAndrewMP>).

#### FALSE JUSTIFICATION

This has been over prediction and over reporting of deaths has sent the world into a state of fear and panic, a state that governments have chosen to perpetuate, preferring to keep people fearful and isolated.

The scientific community openly state they sought to drive fear through their inaccurate predictions, admitting: "Initial projections built worst-case scenarios that would never happen as a means of spurring leadership into action."

([https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanmic/article/PIIS2666-5247\(21\)00029-X/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanmic/article/PIIS2666-5247(21)00029-X/fulltext)).

Death tolls have also been grossly over reported, with the TGA and CDC admitting that only 8.6% and 6%, respectively, of COVID-19 deaths could be solely attributed to the Virus. (<https://archive.ph/jwBRK>)

Our very own Queensland Government has decided not to engage in open dialogue and discuss the following facts:

- The predicted and reported severity of the Disease was/has been grossly overestimated.
- Healthy people, especially children, are not at high risk of complications from SARS-COV-2 (Virus) if they do catch it.
- You can naturally boost your immune system to lessen symptoms if you do come into contact with the Virus (which is the same thing the vaccines claim to do).
- Healthy people are not spreaders of disease.
- If you catch the virus there are safe and effective treatment protocols to aid in recovery (which have been used by doctors since March 2020) which do not involve vaccination.
- Natural infection gives longer-lasting and durable protection against reinfection.

With this information, there is absolutely no justification for a state of emergency, particularly when we have evidence of how the state of emergency will be used to terrorise, discriminate against, and destroy the lives and livelihoods of innocent Queenslanders. The state of emergency at this point is less about managing a crisis, and more about retaining the powers and control gained over Queenslanders since the start of the pandemic.

#### GLOBAL EXAMPLES

The Swedish response, which informed and empowered citizens to take personal responsibility, rather than implementing stringent government controls, has proved to be successful the death rate in Sweden 1,677 per million is notably lower than Britain (2,354 per million) and France (2,112 per million) (data is from <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus>). Similarly, Japan did not impose compulsory lockdown of its citizens, but instead gave guidance and made recommendations of how people could stay safe. They have had consistently lower stringency of government control measures than Australia, yet have retained one of the lowest death rates in the world (186 per million), even compared to Australia (199 per million) who suffered through extended lockdowns, business and school closures and mandatory masking & vaccination ((data is from <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus>).

Based on the prevalence of the virus in countries like Israel, which has mandated four doses, the little to no real world effect of the vaccines or mandates or preventing transmission, hospitalisation, eand even death ([Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Cases](#); [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Hospitalizations](#); [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Deaths](#))

#### REJECT THE BILL

I ask the Committee to genuinely consider whether Queensland or indeed Australia, is still a liberal democracy if the people's elected representatives continue to ignore the will of their constituents, whilst supporting the continued suspension of democracy to the obvious and undeniable detriment of the people.

When voting on this bill, I would urge you to consider that you are either helping deal a death blow to democracy, or helping protect it. I believe a vote in favour of extending the state of emergency is in fact a vote for the continued suspension of democracy and there is no acceptable reason to do so. It can be excused because of the initial confusion, after two years, we are wiser and know better. There is no excuse. Any vote to continue this gross abuse of Queenslanders will be taken for what it is and all representatives in support will be held accountable.

Kind regards,

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