

Committee Secretary  
Community Support and Services Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
Brisbane Qld 4000

**Re: Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022**

Dear Secretary and committee members,

I do not support the Bill.

In 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Queensland Parliament enacted emergency powers by enacting the *COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020*. By any and all measures, an emergency situation no longer exists.

The *Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022* seeks to:

- Extend the emergency powers for a further six months, and
- Make it possible for future extension of emergency powers without any further Act of Parliament, by introducing into the relevant Acts the concept of a *COVID-19 public health legislation expiry day*.

As there is no longer any public health *emergency*, it is my opinion that the proposed amendments are unnecessary and may be interpreted as an attempt to cling to emergency powers and an abuse of such powers.

Regards,

Darren Edward

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