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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 contend that there is no longer an emergency in Queensland due to COVID-19.

Emergency management should be driven by risk.

Risk assessment takes into account both the likelihood as well as the impact of a possible event.

Infection rates are low, in fact only amounting to a tenth of the estimates provided by the data modellers.

Transmission rates (from one infected individual to another) are also low, again demonstrating the over-exuberance of the data modellers.

So the above clearly show that the likelihood of society-wide health impact is low.

The impact of an individual contracting COVID-19 is also not high. Granted, those individuals with multiple comorbidities will probably have poor outcomes, however those individuals are identifiable within the health system, and appropriate steps can be taken to provide them with additional support.

So, if both the likelihood and the impact of the event is low, then why do we require extension of the COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020?

The answer must be that we do not require extension of these powers and intrusions upon the basic freedoms of Queensland citizens.

I demand that you vote NO in your assessment as to whether the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022 should be recommended to Government.

Signed: Rhys Jones