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To: Committee Secretary
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Community Support & Services Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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RE: SUBMISSION TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH & OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2022

To be very clear **we wish to oppose** the proposed Bill and request that there be no extension of powers beyond 30th April, 2022.

The imposed government mandates and the exclusion & segregation of people like ourselves or anyone who are prochoice and/or have a medical reason but are unable to get an exemption, leads us to take a strong interest in this Bill.

We do not believe that there is proof to support further extensions of these powers if the purpose of the Bill is to:

- Further extend the operation of essential public health measures implemented to facilitate Queensland's response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Extend amendments to the Corrective Services Act 2006, Disaster Management Act 2003 and Mental Health Act 2016 to support the public health response.
- Maintain **unscientific discriminatory practices** within society between so called Vaxed and Unvaxed persons.
- Continue to **ignore Natural Immunity** developing, which the Omicron Variant clearly facilitates.

The extended provisions follow previous temporary extensions effected by a series of Acts of Parliament in 2020 & 2121, under which the majority of measure are due to expire on 30 April 2022. The Bill would extend this legislative expiry date for certain Acts to 31 October 2022, or the day the minister for Health ends the declared public health emergency, whichever day is earlier. (Reference – Queensland Parliament Inquiries page).

Reasons we do not support the Bill include but are not limited to the following:

- **We do not agree** that we are still dealing with a “pandemic”. Many people, both MRNA Vaccinated or not, have been getting the Omicron variants, BA.1 & BA.2 and recovering quickly with only mild cold/flu symptoms. People with underlying health issues certainly may have deeper concerns, but those of us who are healthy and take care of our health/body, it is proven that we can rely on our immune system to defeat this illness, if and when it “hunts us down”.

- V1, V2 then booster + others. The narrative and science continues to change. Target uptake percentages continually increasing before relaxing restrictions, and recommendations for further booster shots because of “waning immunity”, is ridiculous! No-one will ever be fully immunized with this now proven questionable (experimental) technology. Also, what kind of dummy would knowingly agree to have their DNA expression permanently modified in an unknown and irreversible way? – **Where are the answers to these kind of questions?** Using Emergency Powers (and continuing to arbitrarily extend them) to censor and quell debate and discussion on these types of issues is wrong.
- What are the safety guards put in place for people who have “done the right thing” and had the vaccines to keep their job, and then have serious adverse reactions and are unable to work anyway? Who compensates these people? **What guarantees of safety or efficacy are in place for these provisionally approved vaccines? Who is liable for these deaths and adverse cases?** (Evidence: TGA DAER reports 3 March 2022: 111104 reports (cases) and 765 deaths.) (To support our answer to who is liable we refer you to: The Sydney Morning Herald article dated 16/11/21 titled, “More than 10000 Australians have filed coronavirus vaccine injury claims.” With the very first paragraph stating the “it’s tax payers under the federal government no- fault indemnity scheme with Services Australia to launch in Dec 2021, an online portal for uncapped claims above \$5000 for injury or loss of income due to vaccine injuries. **We already, as a business, pay significant taxes and we object to our tax dollars being used to fund government schemes such as these for injuries/deaths incurred by provisionally approved trial vaccines. Co-opting business to implement such Vaccine requirements is unethical and a form of immoral Fascism!**
- The extreme abuse of power mandating vaccines in Queensland Health and Education Queensland now needs to be overturned, not extended! Natural Immunity needs to be recognised and allowed to develop. Discrimination is not necessary, if it ever was! We have many friends who have 25-30+ years of outstanding service in both industries and they have been bullied and forced out – taking their much needed experience and expertise with them. Some have been “terminated” after impeccable service unable to continue working in the field they studied hard for and worked tirelessly for. These people have been unjustly and viciously discriminated against. We bring your attention to a survey completed by Queensland Education United . Of the 2401 respondents 82% have not had the Covid 19 inoculation, 69% said they will not be receiving the Covid 19 inoculation, 65% of members surveyed were employed by Education Qld. 80% of the respondents who work at predominately Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander schools believe that the students are being disadvantaged as a result of the mandates. 68% of the respondents believe their school is not coping with staff shortages. Since these mandates have been installed in QH and EQ, many people have received little to no support from their manager/principal, and many have experienced intolerance & bullying, condescending or discriminatory behaviour. **These mandates are causing nothing but division and discrimination. This must be reversed, not upheld.**
- We believe the legislation should not include “the CHO to give a notice to businesses or facilities making recommendations to open, close or limit access to the business or faculty;” (reference statement of compatibility by Y’vette D’Ath MP, Minister for Health & Ambulance Services page 4). So many businesses have undergone financial and mental hardship during this last 2 year period of ongoing changes regarding being forced to close, reduce hours, terminate

unvaccinated employees and learning how to navigate the unending number of rule changing and restrictions. This has put an undue amount of stress especially on small businesses.

Businesses should be allowed to remain open and be able to trade freely to both vaccinated and unvaccinated, if they have good social distancing and proper hygiene measures in place.

(reference and article from Chamber of Commerce & Industry Qld, Feb 2022 titled, "90% vax target hit: Emotional and financial business health dependent on mandate review" citing that "mental health challenges due to COVID impacts have affected close to 63% of Queensland business owners and their staff up from 45% in July 2021, new CCIQ data shows". Businesses (like the community) can be trusted to do what is right by everyone when honestly consulted with. The ability to assess and manage risk is a fundamental skill we all develop when given the opportunity.

Thank you for hearing our submission and look forward to a favourable response.

Yours Sincerely

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