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This is a submission in regards with the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022

- The bill is introduced at the worst possible time when Queensland is hit with a major natural disaster and the majority of the Queenslanders are busy restoring their families and businesses. They do not have time to respond or participate in this important discussion. For this reason, discussion of this bill will NOT be fair to the Queensland people especially when the bill has such a significant impact on everyone in Queensland.
- The bill is unjustified and against the check and balance in the rule of law. The current legislation specifically requires that a state of emergency can ONLY be temporary and each subsequent extension must be subject to parliamentary approval to avoid abuse of power. This bill is specifically aiming to disable this safeguard mechanism. This poses a great risk and threat to Queensland and the people.
- The current legislation is sufficient and covers all bases. We do not see there is any urgent or justifiable need to introduce a new bill to compromise the integrity of the current legislation. Not to mention the timeframe is too short and consultation is not sufficient.
- This bill is controversial and has the potential of being abused to infringe human rights.
- There is no justifiable ground for a certain emergency response to stay two years beyond the end of the emergency state. If the emergency state ends, all emergency responses must end as well.
- Such an important piece of legislation must be widely consulted. I do not think the current government has the mandate to represent the community in deciding such an important policy that could affect everyone's life. This policy needs to be probably advertised and consulted and should not be introduced until at least after the next election. People have the right to know what the government is planning to do should there be a major change in their lives. Such legislation was not discussed at the previous election, therefore the current government does not have the mandate to implement such an important piece unless the Labor Party is reelected at the next election.

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