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To: <u>Community Support and Services Committee</u>

Subject: Emergency Bill extension

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We are emailing you in regard to the Queensland Government proposing to pass the Extension to the Emergency Bill. Our position in this matter is that we DO NOT want an extension to this Bill that would be effective until 31 October 2022. Our reason for this position is based on the following evidence:

- 1. There certainly have been deaths registered from the Covid virus, but evidence that has emerged has uncovered that less than 1% of the total deaths in our country were actual from the virus alone. Many of the people who had Covid recorded as the cause of death had other morbidities. There are many more people in our country dying from cancer, heart disease, Alzheimers and dementia, and diabetes, with official numbers able to be accessed.
- 2. The effectiveness of the Covid vaccine is definitely questionable. In the past, the unvaccinated were blamed for the spread of the virus and were labelled as "anti-vaxxers" who were the main contributors to the pandemic problem. However, after the introduction of the mandates and the different components in regard to the Emergency Bill, numbers of people with Covid have skyrocketed. It has been obvious also that once when reporting the daily cases of Covid, the Government would specifically number how many cases were vaccinated or not, whereas since the mandates and the Bill, this is not being done. The data shows that there are more vaccinated people with the virus than those without the vaccine, so it would appear that the vaccine makes little difference to the virus spread, and Covid can be contracted by anyone.
- 3. The safety of the Covid vaccine is definitely questionable. As at yesterday's date, there were 112,340 adverse effects reported to the TGA. As it has been shown that many adverse effects are not actually reported, and that these figures represent a very low percentage, this figure is very alarming. It would appear that the Emergency Bill and mandates do not support the safety of vaccination.
- 4. The Emergency Bill and mandates have segregated our society and created discrimination issues on a scale never before seen. Unvaccinated people are not allowed to go to certain places such as cinemas, cafes, certain Council venues, hospitals and aged care facilities. Families are being torn apart because the unvaccinated cannot visit loved ones. This is like the apartheid lived out in world history ... the Holocaust and South Africa. Yet in our country, different groups who felt marginalized have voiced their feelings loudly and have been heard. What is currently happening with this issue? Black lives aren't the only lives that matter ... ALL LIVES MATTER!
- 5. It would appear from the current data that none of the mandates authorized under this Emergency Bill have been effective social distancing, masks, restriction of numbers at venues. Not only that, there has been no consistency in regard to restrictions, which just does not make sense.
- 6. We have personally found things very difficult. We have wanted to take our grandchildren places, but we cannot enter. We have felt alienated, like second-class citizens, yet we are supposed to be a democracy and "the lucky country". We have vaccinated family members who were coerced into getting the vaccination to keep their jobs, and they feel kind of "raped" because they had no choice as they had a mortgage to repay. This is not reasonable nor just.

The effects of the restrictions under the Emergency Bill, as well as the mandates to vaccinate

to keep jobs, has had a disastrous effect on both the mental state of Queenslanders and the economy of our State. It will continue to do so long into the future.

The Queensland Government has lost the trust of the general population because of their policies in regard to the virus. It is time to rethink and reconsider what is happening on the ground, and make changes that will have a more positive effect on the Queensland people. We urge you not to extend the Emergency Bill and to revoke all mandates so that Queenslanders can be given their jobs back, support local businesses fully and enjoy the freedom of life that we have had in the past. The time to act is now! Thank you for reading our email.

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