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Dear Committee Secretary,

**RE: PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION  
(EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (BILL)**

I strongly **do not support** extending the Public Health Act 2005 to increase powers for emergency officers and the Chief Health Officer in Queensland.

I strongly **do not support** amendments to the Corrective Services Act 2006, Disaster Management Act 2003 and Mental Health Act 2016 to support the extension of the public health response.

I strongly **do not support** the continuation of a head of power in the COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020 to make regulations to facilitate transitional arrangements for the temporary framework.

The latest certified data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics clearly indicates that the figures for COVID-19 fatalities **do not** warrant the implementation of the current public emergency health measures.

- Between March 2020 until the end of January 2022, ABS identified 273, 901 Australians died. **0.9% had COVID.**
- 2, 639 people died **with** or **from** COVID (Compare this to the average annual number of deaths due to influenza and pneumonia between 2015 and 2019 which was 2, 908).
- The majority of COVID deaths, **92%**, had other underlying health issues. An average of roughly 3 diseases or conditions per person. 35% of those people had a chronic heart issue.
- There were 83 people who died **of** COVID.
- The median age of males who died of COVID in Australia was 81.2 and for women, 86 years of age.

Government and mainstream media COVID figures have been misleading and inadvertently caused fear and panic in the community. There has been massive over prediction and reporting of deaths and COVID hospitalisation numbers, instead of revealing truths such as the following:

- Healthy people are not at high risk of complications from the virus.
- Young children are unlikely to contract or suffer complications from COVID.
- There are other ways to prevent or lessen symptoms from COVID other than getting 'vaccinated'.
- If you contract the virus there are other safe and effective treatment protocols to aid in recovery.
- Natural immunity gives long-lasting protection against contracting COVID again.

Queensland Government policies and planning should be driven by accurate data and evidence.

Queenslanders have already suffered enough. The financial and mental toll it has taken on businesses, individuals and families has been unfathomable. The discrimination and segregation the Government has created has destroyed Australian culture and spirit.

I strongly believe this Bill **should not** be extended past 30 April 2022, and the Minister for Health must end the declared public health emergency now. End mandates, lock downs, border closures and mask wearing and get the Sunshine State smiling again!

Yours sincerely,



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