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Dear committee members,

PURPOSE OF EMAIL:

It is my position that **I do not** want an extension to the Emergency Bill (until 31st October 2022) for the following reasons.

- The latest Australian Bureau of Statistics information released last week shows that over 22 months of Covid, 273,901 Australians have died, however of these deaths only 2,639 people were Covid related with 92% of these having three serious underlying conditions. Some 100,000 died of cancer, 32,000 died of heart disease, 30,000 died of Alzheimer's and dementia and 100,000 died of diabetes. Covid related deaths represent fewer than 1% of the total deaths in Australia over the past 22 months. On that basis alone there is no covid emergency and it would benefit the state to concentrate its financial and medical resources on dealing with the backlog of cancer and heart disease patients.
- Many countries have dropped all their state of emergency powers as they are no longer required as the crisis is over. Extending these powers will only reflect badly on the Labor government as the electorate will see it as a grab for power rather than "Keeping them safe" and this will only lower your popularity in the eyes of the public. I urge you to not extend the current emergency bill.
- The governments powers have already exiled the unvaccinated from society and restricted their movements yet Covid has rapidly spread throughout the state. Who is spreading the virus? it is clear that the spread of the virus does not discriminate between those who are vaccinated and those who are not. Therefore the medical science shows there is no longer a need to impose a health policy that has identified one section of the community for unnecessary attention that has led to them being unemployed, having a catastrophic financial and psychological impact on individuals and their families. You are obligated to stop this discrimination and vote against extending the emergency powers.
- There is an urgent requirement to redirect resources away from Covid policing that has had a catastrophic impact on cafes, pubs and restaurants. This policy has been highly destructive and ineffective. Instead, vote no to extending the emergency bill and allow these industries to return to a state where they will have the opportunity to thrive and provide employment for thousands of Queensland workers.
- I call on the committee to immediately end the mandates for all Queenslanders and vote NO to extending the emergency bill so we can get back to some form of normality and sanity.

Yours sincerely,
Ian McNaughton