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To whom it may concern,

I do not want the current state of emergency bill in Queensland to be extended until 31st October 2022.

My reasons for not wanting an extension of this bill are numerous they include:

- As of Wednesday 2 March over 90% of the Queensland population are double vaccinated (90.93%) against Covid-19 and over two million (2, 012, 516) have received a third booster shot. This indicates that the Covid-19 emergency response bill is no longer needed.
- According to the Australian Bureau of statistics (ABS) in 2020 Covid-19 was the 38th leading cause of death amongst Australians with a total of 898 deaths. As the Covid-19 related death toll has risen the ABS has found a decrease in the five leading causes of deaths in Australia. With a significant reduction in respiratory diseases while alcohol-related deaths increased by 8.3%. Although correlation does not equal causation this is likely to indicate that the Covid-19 mortality rate is positively correlated with comorbidities among the elderly demographic, (median age of Covid-19 related death was 86). It is also highly likely that this reduction in respiratory deaths (reduction of 17.8%) such as (emphysema) are attributed to a rise in Covid-19 related co-morbidities. This suggests that risk of Covid-19 deaths have been largely exaggerated and inflated by co-morbidities within elderly persons, therefore Covid-19 should not be classified as a state of emergency in Queensland and all current mandates should be quashed
- Alcohol-induced deaths have risen and may be positively correlated with the mandates associated with the Covid-19 response.
- ABS statics report 3, 139 Australians died by suicide in 2020 compared to 898 Covid-19 related deaths, indicating the emergence of the state of emergency mandates has seriously effected mental health conditions of Australians.
- Currently the only state of emergency in Queensland is not Covid-19, it is the impact of the devastating weather conditions and flash flooding across the state which has led to serious injury, death, loss of financial income, loss of homes, businesses, lives, pets, animals and livelihoods.
- Due to the current mandates as they stand able-bodied unvaccinated individuals are unable to provide assistance to businesses and individuals that are at serious risk. This includes helping sandbag venues that they themselves are not able to enter due to mandates and if they are in possession of a boat unable to rescue/ help/ provide assistance to the Queensland fire and emergency services (SES).

These mandates must end yesterday, please do not extend this state of emergency bill due to the aforementioned reasons.

I would greatly appreciate an acknowledgement that you have received my email thank you in advance from a very concerned Queensland resident.

I eagerly await your response.

Kind Regards

Fiona Fogarty