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To: Community Support and Services Committee **Subject:** Emergency Bill - Do not extend to 31/10/22

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To the Committee,

I write to strongly oppose an extension of the Qld Govt State of Emergency Bill to 31/10/22, that is currently due to expire 26/3/22.

Reasons/Evidence:

- The extension of powers is based on COVID deaths in Queensland and COVID numbers. The ABS data is now confirming the exaggeration of such data.
- The ABS evidence reconfirms that there was no need to enforce these restrictions for the past 2 years, especially as Qld Govt opened borders 13/12/21 right before our busiest Xmas tourism time in 2021, just as a new variant was rampant & yet we, the people of Qld, were able to adequately deal with this, without Government intervention/interference or lockdowns.
- A normal Flu season has more deaths, than covid deaths, without requiring 2 years of restrictions, masks, lockdown, mandates, passports & damaging our economy. We already know how to avoid cold/flu, without Govt dictating how.
- The hospitals have coped with the Omicron wave, without major issues or excessive deaths. Refer ABS report statistics.
- The loss to business/Tourism because of such SOE restrictions & lockdowns was unnecessary, given the low death rate as reported by ABS.
- The discrimination & segregation caused to Qld families, friends & community, as a result of the unnecessary SOE vaccination mandates & passports imposed during Emergency Powers, need to be fully removed, not extended. This was totally unnecessary, an over reach & now it's just vexatious, based on the ABS report statistics.
- Qld Govt need to stop the overreach & interference & let Queenslander return to unhindered normal living, without the fear of further lockdowns, loss of jobs & loss of business with an extension to 31/10/22.
- ABS report & other numerous international data, highlights that this pandemic was nothing like the plague, swine flu or Spanish flu & DOES NOT need to be extended. We Qld citizens have proven we are able to deal with a flu outbreak. As this is what covid is, as confirmed in ABS data.
- The loss of thousands of our critical first responders, teachers & other workers, as a result of the Emergency Power mandates, is placing enormous pressure on businesses & Govt authorities, due to a major shortage of staff in various industries.
- SOE has caused the long term suffering to aged care residents, due to isolation & staff shortages & to families with loved ones in aged care, not being able to visit.

- SOE has prohibited family & friends celebrating Weddings.
- SOE has prohibited family & friends from attending Funerals & paying last respects.
- SOE has caused an increase of mental health & suicides due to isolation, job loss & segregation.
- SOE border closures locked Qld residents out of Qld for months & stopped interstate arrivals who required medical treatment in Qld.
- SOE has facilitated the Loss of our fundamental Human Rights of Freedom to choose.
- SOE has allowed Loss of our medical privacy under The Privacy Act, with introduction of mandates.
- SOE Powers has allowed the contravention of the Nuremberg code.
- High Court in New Zealand deemed SOE mandates are not legal.

There are so many valid reasons, as to why the Emergency Powers should discontinue now & not be extended to 31/10/22.

Please consider the above and vote NO to a further extension of Emergency Powers. They are NOT needed & there is simply NO justification for an extension.

Kind Regards
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