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Written submission:

With relation to the extension of the Covid-19 State of emergency powers within the ***Public Health and other Legislation (extension of expiring provisions) Amendment Bill 2022***, my position is to DECLINE the bill presented. In reference to extending the Bill for a Covid-19 state of Emergency the following information must be taken into consideration:

Human Rights suppression

- The QLD Human Rights Commission makes it clear that Human rights of people can be restricted or modified due to an emergent need to preserve life and has been a key tenet to many proposals to manage the pandemic response. Data now available continues to build a strong case that the current measures which are proposed to be extended until October 22 are an unnecessary overreach by the government and are not reasonably proportionate to the Covid-19 issue.
- The Covid-19 vaccinations available are not demonstrating the capacity to stop or prevent transmission between vaccinated or unvaccinated people, therefore imposing restrictions based upon a person's vaccination status for Covid-19 is irrelevant and negatively impacts human rights currently restricted or modified under the pretense of preserving life.
- The consequences for long term Human Rights discrimination must be considered by the continuation of the Bill-the two tiered society of Covid-19 vaccination Compliant versus non-compliant has had and will continue to widen social injustice, financial burden and threaten business (especially small and medium sized business), medical apartheid (many case studies of this mistreatment/discrimination are emerging since the roll out of vaccine mandates-happy to provide evidence upon request) and the misuse of confidential medical information.

Recency of information and available data

- Release of Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data depicts a very different reality to the emergency situation maintained by the Government and mainstream media. The ABS data shows that Covid deaths over the entire period of the pandemic account for less than 3000 deaths (or about 1% of total deaths), making it the 38th ranked cause of death for Australians.
- The 39th ranked cause of death for Australians behind Covid-19 related deaths was Covid-19 vaccination which should be seen as a massive concern.
- A vast majority of the recoded Covid-19 deaths were attributed to having multiple co-morbidities which suggests that the state of emergency related to Covid-19 has been inappropriate and inaccurate.
- It is widely accepted that the dominant strain of Covid-19, Omicron variant is known to be vaccine resistant as well as far less virulent. There are more transmissions/infections but a greatly reduced level of disease resulting in hospitalization and deaths than was 'modelled'.

- A variety of treatments are now available to effectively treat infection and reduce hospitalization and the prevalence of severe disease. This combined with already high vaccination rates and natural immunity improves community immunity levels.
- The suggestion to retain State of Emergency measures in the 'likely event of another variant' should not be considered a reasonable and appropriate use of legislation given the evidence and proof that time has given to understand the nature of this virus.

Vaccine mandates

- Vaccination status and requirement of proof of current vaccination status is creating discontent and problems for a number of industries and business. This has an impact on economic recovery, employment eligibility and availability for thousands of able-bodied, disabled and otherwise ready to work employees to operate.
- Mandates for vaccination only exist due to the health directives imposed by the CHO that expire with the state of emergency provisions granted for short-term and provisional periods. The extension of the provisions prevents thousands of workers from performing their duties and maintaining their livelihoods in the short term (seen through staff shortages and reduction in services) and has damaging potential for the future.
- Many employees have been coerced into vaccination to keep their jobs and have done this at the guaranteed risk of side effects that the vaccines offered elicit-regardless of the mild to severe or treatable to permanent result. The number of reported injuries and adverse reactions to the Covid-19 vaccines available continues to grow and without any long term data know of potential damage the vaccines may yet create.
- There is a large proportion of vaccinated individuals who have now risked side effects as well as infection from Covid-19 due to the efficacy and waning effectiveness of the vaccines available.

Final Word

This submission is written by a QLD resident born and raised in QLD with a tertiary education that has led to a career in education. Without the title of 'medical expert' the justification and reasoning to extend the state of emergency based on the threat of Covid-19 is not founded by the facts available and is markedly detrimental to the Health, financial prosperity and social cohesion of our proud, modern society.

The decision impacts myself on a personal level (Health risks, loss of livelihood, mental health, family tension), my elderly parents who require support and the need to return to normalcy and how we are able to interact and function within society. This *Public Health and other Legislation (extension of expiring provisions) Amendment Bill 2022* **MUST NOT** be endorsed.

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