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I do not believe an extension of emergency powers in response to Covid 19 is necessary. Therefore the extension should not be granted in this bill.

Most importantly:

The death data has shown that all the measures, lockdowns, masks, mandates have not made any significant difference in mortality rates. <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/health/causes-death/provisional-mortality-statistics/latest-release>

We were the first State to declare an emergency on 29 January 2020.

The Premier said at the time: *"Queensland acted early and strengthened the laws because public safety is paramount"*.

Because of how the Qld government has managed COVID-19...

We have seen:

- our economy and small businesses suffered immensely
- hundreds of thousands of jobs lost
- people isolated from loved ones
- children unable to go to school
- people harmed by health protocols (vaccines) <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2788346>
- suicides increase
- 111,035 reports of adverse events in Vaers (as of Feb 2022)
- our government spend billions on quarantine camps instead of necessary hospitals
- data to prove lockdowns have proved ineffective <https://sites.krieger.jhu.edu/iae/files/2022/01/A-Literature-Review-and-Meta-Analysis-of-the-Effects-of-Lockdowns-on-COVID-19-Mortality.pdf>

Queenslanders have lost:

- freedom of free speech
- Doctors who cannot speak the truth as they are silenced by APRHA
- unbiased reporting as the media is gagged
- the right to peaceful assembly
- the right to work
- freedom of conscience
- bodily autonomy
- government transparency
- freedom of movement

Personally, I have

- experienced discrimination
- loss of work and volunteering work in state institutions
- experienced family conflict
- suffered socially and emotionally
- lost freedom of movement
- been discriminated against and unable to access necessary health services

Omicron has changed the status of the emergency because:

- data shows that it is less severe
- natural immunity far outweighs vaccine efficacy <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.08.24.21262415v1>
- original vaccines were made for the Alpha variant and not suitable or effective for subsequent variants.
- young people have a far greater risk to adverse vaccine reactions than to catching omicron. <https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/321238>
- the rest of the world is recognising that we 'must learn to live with this virus' just as we do with all virus'
- Queensland does not have an endless pot of money to keep supporting pharmaceutical companies and those with vested interests. <https://www.oxfam.org/en/press-releases/covid-vaccines-create-9-new-billionaires-combined-wealth-greater-cost-vaccinating>