## Position

I DO NOT support an extension to the Emergency Bill until October 2022.

For the following reasons

- The extension is based on COVID deaths in Queensland. The Australian Bureau of Statistics data is showing the exaggeration of such data. COVID is the 37<sup>th</sup> cause of death in Australia and not as dangerous as initially predicted.
- With over 90% of Queenslanders already vaccinated there is no need to extend the Bill. The government in fact stated that once we reached 80% vaccination things would return to normal.
- Mask mandates will end on March 4.
- Interstate and international travel have already been reinstated, suggesting that there is no longer any need for the Emergency Bill to continue. Surely if the situation was critical the government would not have dreamt of opening borders.
- Vaccinated and unvaccinated Queenslanders are equally capable of spreading covid. The vaccination has not prevented transmission, which is clearly evident in the number of daily cases being recorded.
- With an integrity commission into the Palaszczuk government, the idea of extending powers seems questionable.
- Families, small business have suffered greatly due to restrictions. Now is the time to let things get back to normal.
- If the Emergency Bill continues, many Queenslanders will never get their jobs back and mandates will never end, despite clear evidence that vaccination mandates have not worked.
- There have been more deaths in aged care this year than the whole of 2021. These institutions were fully protected by the government's mandates. All staff and visitors were vaccinated, and unvaccinated family members were kept away to protect the vulnerable. Unfortunately, the mandate has proved ineffective in preventing transmission an protecting the vulnerable, many of whom died alone and devoid of family contact.
- Many other countries have already dropped all restrictions and vaccination mandates, including the UK, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Tanzania, Nicaragua etc.

- The New Zealand High Court has labeled Vaccination mandates "Gross Violations of Human Rights", and these same mandates have been supported by the Emergency Bill.
- I am an unvaccinated teacher and am unable to work due to this Emergency Bill. I would like my human right, to earn a living restored. This cannot happen with an extension to this Bill.
- The government has used the current Emergency Bill to enact coercive control to force free citizens to comply. This not only goes against our Constitution but due to the experimental nature of the vaccination, it also defies the Nuremburg charter of human rights.
- The data from the ABS shows that students are not at risk from the current COVID variant. I have never put my students at risk and worked at the height of the pandemic up until the end of 2021.
- The government has a duty of care to unite its constituents in times of crisis and not to create the division we are currently seeing.
- The extension of the Emergency Bill will create more division and financial hardship for honest hard-working Queenslanders. Many people do not even know that the government intends to extend this Bill, assuming that it will be over by Easter.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss any of these points further.

Regards,

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