

Committee Secretary  
Community Support and Services Committee  
Parliament House  
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Via email: cssc@parliament.qld.gov.au

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to formally inform you of my position regarding the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022. I object to this Bill as I do **not** want an extension to the Emergency Bill (until 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2022).

### **ABS Data**

The extension of powers is based on Covid deaths in Queensland and Covid numbers. The ABS is now showing the exaggeration of such data. I would like to refer you to the ABS data which can be found <https://www.abs.gov.au/articles/covid-19-mortality-australia>

Here it is stated that between the start of the pandemic on 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2022, a total of 2,639 death registrations have been received by the ABS where an individual is certified as having died from or with Covid-19. Approximately 1% of the 273,901 death registrations received by the ABS and certified by a doctor in Australia during the pandemic period are of people who have died with or from COVID-19.

Ischaemic heart disease is the leading cause of death in Australia: 12,728 deaths occurred between January 2021 – November 2021. This number is almost 5 times as high and measured in less than half of the pandemic period. The median age of Covid-19 related deaths was 81 years for men and 86 years for women. Both are above the national average life span.

The relatively low number of deaths certified as caused by Covid does not justify a further extension of the beforementioned Bill.

### **Mandates**

The introduced mandates have segregated society. People (often with years of experience) have lost their jobs, families have been torn apart, business have closed. And for what reason? Based on the data (as reported on the ABS website) Covid-19 (the Omicron variant) does not discriminate between those who are vaccinated or unvaccinated.

I work at a small school. We lost 50% of our staff due to the mandates. It had a huge impact on our school community. The stress levels, the coercion, the segregation... We are now past the peak of infections and fortunately the number of Covid-19 deaths haven't peaked. They decreased. It's time to end the Emergency Bill, it's time to end the mandates, it's time to resume our lives as they were before Covid-19 made an appearance. A life in which we are free, living peacefully and respectfully with common sense.

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank you to formally acknowledge my objection to the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022.

Yours sincerely,

**Carolien Franken**

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