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Dear Members of the Committee,

I strongly object to an Extension of the Emergency Bill (until 31st October 2022).

I am opposed for the following reasons-

- **Covid-19 still has a survival rate of over 99% for the majority of people**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has released public information citing that since 11 March 2020 when the WHO declared Covid-19 a pandemic, there were 273,901 Australian deaths up until 29 January 2022, but only 2,639 were Covid-19 related with 92% of these people having three serious underlying conditions. Fewer than 1% of the total deaths in Australia since March 2020 have been Covid-19 related and the average age of death was 81 years for men and 86 years for women. Much more people die from the flu each year. For example, in 2019, 4124 people died in Australia as a direct result of the flu which is quite blatantly obvious to be a much greater death toll.

[COVID-19 Mortality in Australia | Australian Bureau of Statistics \(abs.gov.au\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/press-releases/2022/01/covid-19-mortality-in-australia)

Even the Chief Health Officer of Queensland Dr John Gerrard has been known to say that the Omicron variant of Covid-19 has largely been a very mild form of the usual winter flu for the vast majority of people and therefore we have now been blessed with herd immunity having had so many positive cases throughout the state.

- **Mandates are harmful and have created a form of medical apartheid.**

I have been personally affected by these draconian mandates and am disgusted by the State Government's over reach of their powers. Due to my 'COVID-19 vaccination status' and according to the Qld Health Directive, I am currently not

allowed to work as a Kindergarten Educator, a role I have had for 8 years after 19 years of service in the Child Care sector.

These supposed 'Health Directives' imposed on our state have deemed thousands of frontline workers like myself out of their jobs including doctors, nurses, teachers, educators, admin staff, cleaners, bus drivers, facilities and groundsmen. The teachers I usually work to support are at breaking point due to a critical staff shortage forced upon schools and Early Childhood Centers by a tyrannical government. And yet the Minister for Education Grace Grace has the audacity to deny the claim from Stephen Andrew MP that schools have a teacher shortage. She replied to his question without notice by stating that Queensland schools were doing exceptionally well since there are *'5000 fully vaccinated Teachers in our relief pool,'* who are *'more than adequately meeting the demand.'*

[MINISTER SAYS QUEENSLAND... - Stephen Andrew MP for Mirani | Facebook](#)

Families and friends are being torn apart by the segregation caused by these mandates. Businesses all over the state have been forced to close after endless lockdowns and staff shortages. I am at a loss to comprehend the negative far-reaching effects of the past two years of utter political madness under the guise of 'public health and safety.' The fear campaign driven by politicians and bureaucrats, and then fed to the unsuspecting masses by mainstream media has been unrelenting.

Mandates around the world are being wound back by numerous governments and overturned by Judges. It is high time that Queensland does the same.

Yours sincerely

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