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To the Parliament Committee,

I am writing this email on behalf of myself & my family to express our outright rejection of the proposed "Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022", specifically with concern to the current vaccine mandates potentially being extended for up to a further 6 months, **as per recent comments made to the media by QLD Chief Health Officer, Dr. John Gerrard.**

My husband David & I have been married for 18 years, and have 2 children together. We are both veteran hospitality professionals, having worked in the industry for over 20+ years - my husband as a sole trading musician, and myself as a food, beverage & gaming attendant, working within 2 separate positions (a hotel, and a tavern) as of late last year.

However, we have since become unwilling victims to the QLD vaccine mandates which were introduced on Dec 17th 2021 under the extended State of Emergency bill, and we are now both stood down & unemployed. This is a result of us both continually upholding the right to keep our medical health information private, as per our rights detailed in the Australian Privacy Act 1988.

Consequently, as a result of overzealous government action, we have both lost our long term careers, and with that, the means to financially support ourselves and live properly.

For the past nearly 3 months we have been struggling financially with zero work income. We are both healthy and willing to work, however our attempts at securing alternative employment have been continually unsuccessful, because advertising employers within our industry of expertise will not hire us unless we choose to surrender our private health information to them, as per the QLD government's demands. With Jobseeker payments now being our only means to financially survive, 85% of which goes toward paying our weekly rent (which has recently increased significantly due to the current rental shortage situation in QLD) whilst the remainder leaves us with very little to buy food with, fuel, pay our household bills, or adequately provide for our two children, including for our son's educational needs - I currently cannot afford to pay his school fees, let alone cover the costs of the resources and stationary required for his lessons.

Quite frankly, thanks to the QLD government continually refusing to respect our fundamental right to privacy, we are now financially drowning. Our mental health has also been taking a serious beating, both stuck at home 24/7 with no income or employment. We suffer from increasing anxiety and depression as a result of these ongoing entry/working restrictions, which the Palaszczuk government continually allege are in place to protect our "health and safety", yet having the complete opposite effect on us as our mental health deteriorates.

We know we are not alone. There are tens of thousands of others around Australia at the moment whom have also lost their employment means for the same reasons, whether it be due to reserving their right to medical privacy, or their right to make a medical choice based on their own personal beliefs or circumstances.

As it has already been both demonstrated and proven across many countries around the world whom have long dropped such restrictions, vaccine mandates **do not work**. Statistics have shown that the virus has continued to spread between Australian people, regardless of their vaccination

status. In fact, the vaccine mandates recently failed in their job to protect me personally from catching Covid19, as despite not having visited any restricted venues/locations, I recently came down with a 24 hour fever, and a home RAT test returned a positive result. As is the case with the majority of recent cases, however, the symptoms of the virus were mild and manageable, and I have since made a full recovery.

The mandates did not prevent me from catching the virus, and now, post infection, they continue to prevent my husband & I from returning to work and earning any income to support our family.

So now I am asking.... why? Where is the logic and common sense behind this decision?

**6 days ago, a high court in New Zealand ruled that vaccine mandates are a “gross violation of human rights”.**

As fellow human beings, why aren't our human rights being respected in the same manner as NZ police and military services? Are their lives more valuable than ours? Whoever happened to equality?

There is no openly available “science” being provided to the public to justify the ongoing enforcement of these mandates, thus they are clearly not in place for the health & safety purposes, because they are having the complete opposite effect on those being effected by them - mental illness, anxiety, depression, even suicide in some tragic cases for those of us who are being continually punished.

**In fact, the WHO revealed today that there has been a 25% global rise in depression and anxiety, attributed to the Covid19 pandemic and its 'associated public health and safety measures.'**

Why is the QLD government continuing to impose harsh and unnecessary measures - such as vaccine mandates - which are contributing to this serious problem? Why haven't alternative testing options (such as daily/weekly etc. RAT & PCR tests) been offered to staff to be able to continue working, regardless of their vaccination status?

The conclusion of my letter is that an extension of the expiring provisions is completely unjustified & unnecessary. For CHO Dr. John Gerrard to continue upholding such unlawful, inhumane and unconstitutional practices such as vaccine mandates is, in my honest opinion, a disgusting abuse of control and power.

The Stoneman family says a firm NO to the proposed bill. The vaccine mandates are the ones destroying our lives and our mental health, NOT the virus.

We have suffered long enough, and now we want our lives back.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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