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To the Committee,

I write to firmly object to the proposed extension of the State of Emergency to the 31st of October. It is clear to see through many articles and statistics that to do so would be unacceptable.

I refer to the latest Omicron variant and the government's predictions that there would be an explosion of numbers when schools resumed business. On the 4th of February it was reported by 7 news: Meanwhile, schools are set to reopen on Monday, February 7, with fewer than 40 per cent of children aged five to 11 vaccinated.

Warren Barnsley; 7 News; published 4th of February 2022; <https://7news.com.au/profile/warren-barnsley>

However, the deaths rates did not dramatically change, and hospitalisations have reduced:

## Queensland COVID-19 statistics

Last updated: Cases & tests 3 March 2022. Vaccination data 3 March 2022

**6,479** New cases (last 24h)

**26** Currently in ICU

**10,549** Tests (last 24h)

**90.9%** Fully vaccinated

**582,696** Total cases

**315** Currently in hospital

**6,853,231** Total tests

**92.9%** 1st dose vaccine

[www.qld.gov.au](http://www.qld.gov.au)

These figures tied in with the low number of vaccination rates in children show that the 'peak' has passed and that it is unacceptable to say that there is a State of Emergency. These powers for the State of

Emergency are based on hospitalisations and deaths from/with covid - how can an SOE be justified with the above statistics?

The extension for State of Emergency should not be approved. The mandates have significantly and negatively affected Queenslanders' creating loss of jobs, closure/downturn of small businesses, division amongst the people, and mental health problems to name a few. Ninety percent of the Queensland population have received a double dose and a significant proportion have had covid thus have natural immunity. The peak has passed; I, with many other people believe that an extension for a State of Emergency should not be approved.

Regards,

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