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Committee Secretary
Community Support and Services Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Re: Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022

Dear Committee Members,

I wish to express my opposition to the extension of the temporary measures to 31 October in the following Acts:

- * the Public Health Act 2005
- * the Corrective Services Act 2006, Disaster management Act 2003, Mental Health Act 2016,
- * Covid 19 Emergency Response Act 2020

Please consider the following:

- * **The Australian Bureau of Statistics data** which was recently released states that **covid related deaths (2639) that occurred in Australia to 31 January 2022 accounted for only 1% of all deaths** during that time and that **the majority of those deaths also had underlying causes and the median age was over 80 years.**
- * **Covid is listed as the 38th cause of death in Australia**
- * **The Omicron variant is mild & has provided extra immunity for those who contracted it or were exposed to it.**
- * **Queensland has a very high level of vaccination - 92%**
- * **Many Nations around the world with lower levels of vaccination are now treating Covid as endemic & have revoked Covid restrictions & mandates (eg UK, Ireland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway).**

I therefore believe that it would GREATLY benefit the people & the economy of Queensland to treat Covid as endemic moving forward, rather than extend any emergency powers.

Yours sincerely,

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