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Dear Committee,

I **strongly object** to any Extension of the Emergency Bill due to the prevalence of Omicron's extremely low death rate compared to the other delta/alpha variants. As you know, the original Emergency Bill was initially granted based on a death rate from the Alpha and Delta variants. It has been revealed that case numbers have indicated that the original modelling was substantially overinflated. Evidence of this is clearly displayed in ABS data.

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/health/causes-death/provisional-mortality-statistics/latest-release>

The extension of powers is based on COVID deaths in Queensland and COVID numbers. As mentioned, the health data is now showing the exaggeration of such data. Current estimates indicate that Omicron deaths are only a very small fraction of those adjusted numbers. Any extension is not warranted and should **NOT** be granted.

The existing mandates in both community and work place settings have not been shown to be effective in reducing the spread of COVID 19. These measures have only been ineffective and extremely destructive to both individuals and business owners financially. The mental impact of these measures will be felt for years to come. We **must** allow our nurses and teachers to return to work.

The potential for continued discrimination via these emergency powers is unacceptable to any democratic society. The negatives of these mandates and the pressure it is placing on Queenslanders through lost jobs and a pressured healthcare system, far outweigh any negatives going forward. Particularly when it seems that many Queenslanders that may have had COVID-19, now have natural immunity, and according to the Government's own modelling the peak has now passed.

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