

SUBMISSION TO THE QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO EXTENDING QUEENSLAND'S 'STATE OF EMERGENCY':

Under the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022, Queensland's 'State of Emergency' Laws will be extended from 30 April to 31 October 2022.

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MY POSITION ON THE MATTER:

**I am strongly AGAINST the extension of the 'State of Emergency' in Queensland.**

REASONS FOR MY POSITION ON THE MATTER:

**1. Deaths from COVID**

The latest Bureau of Statistics information states that over 22 months of COVID, 273,901 Australians died. Over 100,000 died of cancer, 32,999 died of heart disease, 30,000 died of Alzheimers and Dementia, and 10,000 from diabetes. However of these deaths, only 2,639 people were Covid related with 92% of these having 3 underlying comorbidities. Covid deaths represented fewer than 1% of the total deaths in Australia in the past 22 months. The median age of death from Covid was 81 years for men and 86 years for women. Both of these exceed our National average life span.

The figures for death from Influenza in 2019 were 4, 124 people (ABS website) which is far greater than deaths from Covid, yet we were not subjected to lockdowns, segregation and forced vaccinations. How is the current situation invoking a state of emergency?

The vaccination mandate in Queensland began on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 when we had 2,227 cases and a fully vaccinated status of 83.6%. Just over 2 months later, Covid cases in Queensland had jumped to 532,273 with a fully vaccinated status of 90.6%. Since the mandate started in Queensland, the unvaccinated has fallen from 16.4% to 9.4%, yet cases have ballooned. **This clearly indicates that the mandate is a waste of time, it has made no difference to preventing the spread of COVID through Queensland.**

The stress on the health system has been exasperated by the standing down of 4,000 highly trained health workers during this time. There is also stress placed on the hospital systems from vaccine injuries. I am a part time carer for my neighbour who has been in hospital for 2 months (November – December 2021), in and out of the ICU unit. In his time in ICU, I can confirm that there were new vaccine injury patients in the ward every day. These have never been published or announced to the public in the daily reports, yet they are taking up hospital resources.

In 2021, over 3,000 Australians lost their lives to suicide. Whilst it is a comparable number to previous years, this number is considerable. Those people were locked down, isolates and separated from face to face help from professionals. How many more of those lives could have been saved from ending the State of Emergency? These demographic had their lives ahead of them, contributing

to society, paying taxes. Yet the demographic that the government were professing to protect were at the end of their lives and drawing on multiple government funds and resources.

## **2. COVID 19 is now a mild illness.**

Covid 19 is now a mild illness in the community. Of my unvaccinated friends, the symptoms at worse were those of a bad cold. Those that have had more severe reactions in my friendship group have been vaccinated.

I have had a blood test taken early last year to prove immunity to SARS-COVID. I had been exposed to Sars in 2002. The results proved lasting immunity of 20 years. I was not exposed to any COVID outbreaks in Australia. Why are doctors being threatened with \$20,000 fines for issuing blood tests to prove immunity? For all other communicable diseases, a blood test proving natural immunity is all that is needed to be exempt from a vaccine. Is this because to use up the 10 shots per person purchased by the Federal government, you don't want people to know they are immune already? Or is it to prevent people from finding out that they have no immunity from the vaccine?

I have not caught COVID19 and have been exposed to people who have been vaccinated and caught it. Natural immunity has been proven by many respected international studies and found to be far superior to any medical interventions. Why are exemptions being limited to only a few months after catching COVID and blood tests banned? Those naturally immune are the ones needed back in the workforce and society, not sitting at home excluded from jobs. The claim that vaccines reduce hospitalization and death is not proven or backed up by any data from the UK or Israel.

## **3. This State of Emergency impacts ability to work.**

Many people in the community have lots jobs, their homes and livelihoods, both vaccinated and unvaccinated. Small businesses have suffered considerably. This has been unnecessary and needs to stop by lifting any mandates and State of Emergency.

I am a teacher and have been fired from my position. A first year teacher has been hired to take my position. The parents are upset, as the school has not said that they fired me, that the class has a new teacher. They are angry at the standard of replacement and the lack of transparency. I know of many schools where they cannot fill jobs, or find relief teachers, with Central Queensland the situation being extremely dire. Also, that a University student who I failed on prac and spoke to the University that this student was completely unsuitable for a teaching profession, recently contacted me saying that she had been given a teaching position. I cannot imagine the poor standard of Education happening in many classrooms in Queensland at the moment and its flow on effects for years to come.

Tens of thousands of professional workers in Queensland have been prevented from working or contributing to society. Those taxes are also missing from the government's ability to use that money to combat the long reaching effects of the disruption caused by the State of Emergency.

## **4. Is the Queensland Government considering what is best for Queenslanders?**

The Queensland Government is a servant of the people. The lack of consultation, lack of transparency, withholding of information, bullying and coercion needs to stop now. Queenslanders have suffered unnecessarily from the mandates and State of Emergency Powers.

#### **5. End the State of Emergency**

There is no good reason to continue the 'State of Emergency'. Citizens have the right to autonomy over their bodies, no coercion to be forced to accept a medical treatment. Families need to be able to rebuild their lives, find jobs and reconnect as a community. If the government really cared about our health, then Bottle Shops and fast food outlets would have been closed and eating fresh fruit, vegetables, and healthy protein would have been mandated instead (to boost immunity). There are more than 10 early treatment protocols which have been successfully used to treat Covid 19 patients, from the first strains to the present variant. These have not been used in Australia, even banning Ivermectin which has been proven as successful. Why were these not used and promoted to prevent the risk of serious infection? Doctor / patient relationships need to be restored, with doctors being able to assess individual patient needs. They need to be able to speak freely without the fear of losing their jobs. This has been stolen off us.

#### **In Summary:**

Deaths from Covid has been statistically proven to be less than seasonal flu – not a valid reason to continue with the State of Emergency

COVID 19 is now a mild illness

The State of Emergency impacts our ability to work.

There is no COVID Emergency

Is the Queensland government considering what is best for all Queenslanders?

The State of Emergency needs to be ended now.