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Committee Secretary  
Community Support and Services Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Committee Secretary:

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

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on the proposed abovementioned Amendment Bill.

My view is to dismiss the proposal.

It is not required as per my reasons below and I can only see it being more detrimental to Queenslanders over a longer period of time, instead of actually getting on with the job of rebuilding from the devastating effects of the past two years.

Being the Community Support and Services Committee, you would surely be aware of the devastation particularly to small business, and community in general with respect to life, personal devastating situations and good people now in situations from which they can generally not return, which I have witnessed personally. All of this, not from the effects of a “pandemic”, but the snap and very wide ranging “mandates” put out by the Queensland government, because they have these extensive powers.

I base this on the fact that the “pandemic” was officially over last year in September according to the Australian Federal Government, particularly the Biosecurity Act 2015. There are currently emergency provisions, but no pandemic. Even the current Amendment ends the “Human Biosecurity emergency period” on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022. [From Greg Hunt website accessed today 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022](#)

And I would like to submit that this should be a time of the Queensland government ploughing efforts into rebuilding the state, even positioning the state into a position leading the rest of the

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country and stepping away from the potential of creating more devastation within this heavily eroded community.

Sincerely,

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Member of the General Community