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Dear Committee Secretary,

I wish to make it known to the committee that I do not support the bill or extension of the state of emergency.

By extending this further, the government will further undermine public health since the focus on the spread of this one virus, which relates to a much milder disease, comes at the detriment of numerous other serious and deadly health issues facing the Queensland people, including reduced mental health leading to suicides, cancer sufferers, transplants and many more that require public health investment and focus.

The pandemic is over. Many countries are now revoking mandates and have lifted restrictions. The current variant has been deemed much milder, though more contagious, the seriousness is no longer the case. Why do we continue this in Queensland, the sunshine state? The latest official studies show the failure of lockdowns, mandates and other strategies that have been enforced under such a state of emergency. We only have to look at our own stats to realise the ineffectiveness.

To extend the emergency powers further would mean the Queensland government is only interested in control and punitive governing. It is coercion no less, which is unethical and breaches the immunisation policy of Australia.

I regard an extension of emergency powers for a virus for which less than 1% of those infected succumb to death, an abuse of power and overrides the democratic rights of the state's citizens.

Yours sincerely

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