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Good afternoon,

I'm writing in regards to the potential extension of the emergency bill. My name is Gabrielle Beth Winspear, of [REDACTED], contactable on [REDACTED].

Straight away, I don't see how COVID can still be considered an emergency, especially given the state of our world today. We're below flu numbers and that's not an emergency. Domestic violence is rampant, kids are abused, the south east is underwater, the world is going to war. Why is COVID still an emergency?

But my biggest issue with the current rules is the inconsistency. [REDACTED] is in the process of planning her wedding and is in tears on a regular basis due to the misalignment of the rules. How can having unlimited numbers at a church or funeral be okay (regardless of vaccination status) but as soon as one unvaccinated person is at a wedding, there can only be 20 people, what makes weddings different? Someone please explain. Not only that, our vaccination rate is higher than ever yet we have tighter restrictions than when we were at 80% (when you could have unlimited guests). I know the borders are open now, and there's more COVID circulating, but hospitalisations are way down, and we are in remote FNQ where there's hardly any cases anyway. It's so frustrating having the same rules for the whole state given the diversity in population density.

I also would like to know at what point do we get to go back to normal. No restrictions. What vaccination percentage? How long has it taken us to get from 90-91%? What makes anyone think we'll get much higher? I remember a comment Dr Norman Swan made about Queensland never being able to get to 95% because our avid antivaxer's plus people with health conditions which mean they can't be vaccinated, make up more than 5% of our population. It's impossible to get to 95%. Add in kids under 5 and those who just can't be bothered and here we are, 91% and hardly moving.

I know, then you say, "we'll educate the antivaxer's!". Good luck. I live in FNQ, I'm surrounded by alternative, off the grid, no mainstream anything (medicine, media, religion, food, nothing). I know those people, I'm surrounded by them. My in-laws fit into that box. No amount of education is going to change their opinion on what someone on YouTube taught them. They don't care about the expert in the field. They don't care for logic or reason or the greater good. To them, the government is out to get them and COVID is a scam and you can't convince them otherwise (believe me, I've tried).

I'm a logical person, an accountant infact, logic is what we live on. So I just want someone to please explain the logic behind the rules. This is affecting my family in such a negative way at a time that should be a great celebration.

Thank you very much for your time. I look forward to your response.

Many thanks,  
Gabby Winspear