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Committee Secretary
Community Support and Services Committee
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Dear Committee Secretary,

RE: PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS)
AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (BILL)

I am writing to formally advise that I do not support the Bill, nor do I support the extension of the state of emergency (SOE).

For two year Queenslanders have lived with Covid and the various measures that have been put in place in a bid to one day “return to normal”. Throughout that time it is fair to say that all of the people of Queensland have suffered hardship in one way or another. For many months we have heard the term “new normal” and “live with Covid” recited by politicians, experts and media pundits. If we haven’t learnt to live with Covid in the gruelling past two years, we may never do so.

As is understandable, sometimes measures such as lockdowns, border restrictions and venue restrictions need to be put in place for the wellbeing of our communities and society as a whole when dealing with unknown quantities, like a new virus. However, such measures cannot endure for lengthy periods of time due to the impact these have on individual wellbeing, small and large business and the state of affairs in general. It is time to make an end to this “emergency”, just as states and countries are doing all around the world as we speak.

As a teacher who works with young people, particularly those who are vulnerable, the negative effects of Covid and Covid induced decision making are extremely evident. If we are to care for the physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of our people we need to rationally move toward creating positive steps toward “normalcy” once again. Extending extraordinary powers of this Bill will not do so.

As a teacher, I and many of my colleagues and other professionals, have been excluded from our places of employment due to the mandates that have been instated. Due to an adverse reaction and the resultant heart condition I suffered I chose not to receive another dose. I have not been able to receive an exemption that would allow me back to work supporting the young people in our community. My story is one of many.

It is evident Covid has become a highly politicized topic with misreporting of information and the freezing of basic democratic rights of individuals.

Below are some facts that are clearly known which tell us why the continuation of the Bill is not required:

- There was a clear miscalculation in the predicting of the severity of Covid-19.

- Covid-19 deaths have been grossly overreported by our governing health bodies such as the TGA in Australia and CDC in America.
- Healthy people with no co-morbidities have a 99.7% chance of surviving Covid-19 if infected and are at low risk of medical complication.
- The vaccines do not prevent transmission or acquisition of the virus and the limited immunity is short lived. It is purely a private medical intervention.
- Natural immunity is proven to be longer lasting and more robust against future infection.
- There are proven ways to naturally boost your immune system to lessen the severity of a Covid19 infection (what the vaccines are only capable of doing), yet the government is not espousing this.
- Healthy people do not spread the disease.
- There are proven, safe and effective medical interventions that can be administered to treat Covid-19 infections which do not require vaccination but are being ignored by our government.

I will not be voting for any government that continues to support such a bill and ignore the will of the people. It is time to repair our country and communities. Therefore, we should not extend the SOE.

Sincerely,
Sascha Heredia.

