

Committee Secretary
Community Support and Services Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write in response to the proposed Extension of Expiring Provisions for the Public Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022.

Queensland declared SARS CoV 2 a Public Health Emergency on 29/1/2020.

There followed many curtailments of civil liberties and mandated vaccination under TGA Provisional Use Authorization of a new vaccination technology with limited safety data.

There have been several extensions to this declared Public Health Emergency to bring us to this date 2 years on from the initial declaration.

In this time Queenslanders have been subjected to endless fear mongering and the implementation of coercive control measures to gain compliance with the stated requirements.

In that time much research has been undertaken into Covid 19 and many issues have been identified that should have impacted the Directives including:

- Use of worst case scenario modelling (modelling being the lowest level of evidence as it is based on opinion) which has never come to fruition.
- Doubt about the validity of mass testing a largely asymptomatic population using PCR tests.
- The disease severity in the Queensland context
- The impact on our Public Hospitals: it must be pointed out that the Hospital System was in crisis prior to the introduction of Covid 19 with ramping occurring regularly and inadequate staffing in most areas. The effects of stopping elective surgeries, clinic appointments, face to face care will have far reaching impacts on our hospital system for years to come particularly in areas NOT in the South East corner of Queensland.
- The effects and efficacy of lockdowns.
- The effects and efficacy of mask wearing.

The Covid related deaths of 399 Queensland residents from 507 746 confirmed cases of Covid 19 or 0.078% as stated in the explanatory notes equates to 0.0076% of the Queensland population (calculated as being 5.185 million people in September 2020).

Qld Health confirmed that 264 people died as a direct result of Influenza in 2019 with 68, 148 laboratory confirmed cases of the disease”(Brisbane Times 14/1/2020) or 0.38%.

There should be NO extension to the Emergency Bill as there is overwhelming evidence that the measures over the last 2 years have been disproportionate and have had significant health related, financial and psychological effects on the general populace.

This Emergency should be declared over and normalcy resumed immediately.

Yours sincerely

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