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Dear Ms McMillan and members of the Community Support and Services Committee,

I present the following submission regarding the proposed amendments to the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Act 2022, on behalf of myself and the constituents of Queensland.

I do not believe that Covid-19 was a threat to society therefore my position on the legislative powers as discussed in the abovementioned act have remained such that:

- the overarching powers held by the above committee and other authoritative jurisdictions during the past two years has constituted a breach of human rights
- the recommendation of your committee to extend these powers will constitute a further breach of human rights
- any further suppression of human rights for the constituents of this state will therefore be to the detriment of the health and economy of the community

The following statements within the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Act 2022, contradict basic human rights:

- issuing directions to require physical distancing
- restrict movement and gatherings
- require people to quarantine or self-isolate
- implement other containment measures
- authorise the sharing of confidential information for contact tracing
- encourage compliance (with quarantine requirements and other public health directions)
- providing appropriate penalties for contraventions

In contrast to the following statement ...'the pandemic continues to be unpredictable, presenting significant challenges over the past two years to Queensland's health system, economy and community.' (5722T166-3D77.pdf – Explanatory Notes- p1); my response is:

- unpredictability exits solely on the shoulders of the Queensland Government and Health authorities who have made numerous contradictory statements relating to Covid-19 throughout the past two years
- the significant challenges have been entirely avoidable

In response to the following statement 'As Queensland transitions towards more normal social and economic conditions there is no longer a compelling need or justification for continuing most of the associated COVID-19 measures' (95722T166-3D77.pdf – Explanatory Notes-p3):

- the amendments do not appear to make any significant changes to the existing restrictions therefore will perpetuate the suppression of human rights for Queenslanders

Regards

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