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Dear Committee,

I strenuously object to an Extension of the Emergency Bill given Omicron has an extremely low death rate compared to the delta/alpha variants.

The mandates made as a result of wmergency powers habe now been shown not to avoid any deaths and instead to have an adverse affect on health in other areas, in children's development and economically. They place inordinate amounts of pressure and stress on individuals and families through lost jobs and on the healthcare system in other ways. According to the Government's own modeling, the peak has now passed. Many Queenslanders have now had COVID-19, giving them natural immunity. Extending the Emergency Bill would be extremely detrimental to Queenslanders moving forward.

Continued medical discrimination via these emergency powers is not warranted and not acceptable in any democratic society. The stories I've heard of denial of medical treatment and loved ones dying alone are horrific and certainly not something that should occur in a supposedly modern intelligent society.

The original Emergency Bill was granted based on modelling the death rate from the Alpha and Delta variants, now shown to be incorrect and overinflated.

Current estimates indicate that Omicron deaths are only a very small fraction of those adjusted numbers. Any extension is not justified. It should not be granted.

Queenslanders have suffered enough because of these powers. There is no emergency anymore. It has passed. People need their jobs back. They have bills to pay and families to feed. Please don't allow this continuing discrimination by our politicians to continue any longer. People have and are suffering. This type of power was meant as a temporary measure while preparations were made, not an ongoing measure.

Thank you for your consideration.

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