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Community Support and Services Committee

STOP the Extension of the Emergency Bill

To the attention of: The Minister for Health and Ambulance Services, The Hon. Yvette D'Ath MP

On this day Friday 4th March 2022, I, Ms Della Caridwen of **Caridwen of Caridwen and Sincerely urge you to:**

STOP the Extension to the Emergency Bill!

I, and on behalf of the PEOPLE of FNQ, of QLD, our COMMUNITIES, the families, elders, children, workers, front line workers, community centres, volunteers, medical and emergency responders, teachers, nurses, tradies, small business operators and owners, care and support workers, we THE PEOPLE - have suffered immense harm under the current, due to expire "Emergency Bill".

LET the "Emergency Bill expire on 30th March 2022"

To ensure that April 2022 be Queensland's time for desperately needed repair, healing and rebuilding.

STOP the Extension to the Emergency Bill, the mandates, the overt and extreme measures enforced under the Emergency Bill - <u>we the People must begin to heal, to repair our communities</u>, our families, our businesses and trades, our economy and <u>most importantly - the mental and emotional health of ALL - from the oldest to the youngest.</u>

My unique community in my village in the rainforest, Kuranda, famous for our markets and in my experience Kuranda and surrounds is HOME to all, **the most tolerant, community** minded - with the wellbeing of ALL first and foremost in mind - where raising our children, building our future is paramount, and aware that to achieve this takes the entire community, from ALL cultures and ages. Our HOME is unique and our home has suffered deeply from the Emergency Bill and resulting mandates. IT MUST STOP.

Kuranda - like the Tablelands and all FNQ regions depended on tourism economy, both international and domestic, to put food on the table, a roof over our heads, feed and clothe our families, **have suffered years of losses since March 2020, of decimated tourism and local industry.**

Then the extreme measures enforced with the Emergency Bill and resulting mandates, extreme and overbearing, without the science to back up, without the logic and level headed commonsense that makes our Nation strong - have FURTHER HARMED, DEALT significant blows to our struggling community, our economy, our "community" from the Elders through to the very young.

The excessive and extreme mandates that <u>the expiring "Emergency Bill</u>" has created, have undeniably deeply harmed the Australian, Queensland and Far North Queenslands, COLLECTIVE mental, psychological, emotional wellbeing - our communities torn apart and divided, segregated, divided, isolated and destroyed families, businesses, marriages, loved ones, our very heart and spirit of FNQ communities.

The segregation and division that the barrage of years of fear campaigns, mandates, illogical ill conceived and oppressive mandates that the "Emergency Bill" has inflicted upon and harmed with - MY community, ALL communities in our great state of Queensland, creating isolation, deep depression, anxiety and PTSD, neighbours isolated from neighbours, families broken and unable to connect with their loved ones, see their loved ones, hug their loved ones.

IT MUST STOP - I urge you to STOP the Extension of the Emergency Bill and END IT.

Our youth, children, teens, adult children are so deeply harmed by the Emergency Bill and the extreme mandates. Their mental wellbeing shattered by the fear campaigns, the major anxiety and depression has led to prolific suicide rates nation wide.

The mandates enforced have further destroyed our local businesses - even our beautiful community organisations which have for many decades been dedicated to the care, support, the wellbeing of all that call Kuranda and surrounds home, have suffered severe staff and volunteer losses to the detriment of the heart and spirit of "community".

END the Emergency Bill on 30th April 2022.

Let May 2022 begin the urgently needed repair and healing of our communities, spirits, economy and wellbeing.

Let QLD lead the way and be a shining example to the country - End the Emergency Bill on 30th May 2022 to ensure that Queensland's great beauty, spirit, hope and courage, economy and wellbeing is able to heal and repair to thrive once more.

I urge you to End the Emergency Bill, End the Emergency powers, End the mandates. I and the People of Queensland WILL rebuild and prosper.

In sincerity

Della Caridwen - Kuranda QLD

