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To whom it may concern,
I write this email in concern of the State Emergency Bill in possibly Extending to the 31st of October 2022

Among many others, I have been personally impacted by the continuing State of Emergency in QLD.

As a Fostering Case Worker, working with QLD carers and young people, on the ground there is so much need and support for these people. Fostering carers are not mandated to be vaccinated, but the workers are. I work for the larges Fostering Agency within the South East Brisbane region and we are struggling already for foster carers. The young people are not mandated, but strongly encouraged by the Department of Child Safety. I have heard within my personal caseload of young people who are being distressed with hearing about the strong encouragement of being vaccinated due to the current State of Emergency.

In addition, supporting agencies have mandated their business for support workers to be vaccinated. In turn this has impacted on carers and young people with more staff turnover and changes for the carers and children in a lot of their unstable homes. This needs to stop.

I have heard of a young eight-year-old girl who was shouted at from a business owner and worker due to not wearing a mask who was with her uncle, even though he had a valid medical exemption. The fear around this has been encouraged from the State due to this State of Emergency continuing. Mental health has been a huge part, and the economy of QLD is not being supported. More money or free services is not necessarily the answer.

QLD people, and Australian need to be released to be free and not perpetuate a fear-based society with many lies and covered data regarding Covid-19.

As one person, this is on behalf of many young people, carers, and personal lives I have seen be impacted strongly by the regulations and rules surrounded by the State of Emergency.

Please end the state of emergency regarding Covid-19 on the 26th of March 2022, or sooner.

Thank you,

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