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Committee Secretary

Community Support and Services Committee

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Dear Committee Secretary

RE: PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS)

AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (BILL)

Please be under notice that I do **NOT** support the abovementioned Bill or extension of the state of emergency powers.

The wellbeing of our community is at stake. The ramifications of such a move will far outweigh any benefit from this proposed extension which will sentence us to a total of 3 years under a state of emergency.

Open public discourse has not been consulted and I find this move to be a violation of our human rights, our individual freedom and our democracy. Such an extension would further place dangerous powers into the hands of leaders whose intentions may not be as honourable as what they portray. There needs to be more transparency and accountability on these leaders, more attention focused on what their personal gain may be as compared to community gain.

Such a move could potentially prove fatal for business and mental health and create further loss and suffering for many more people. Death tolls have been grossly over reported and used to further the cause of those who portend to lead us. The virus has shown itself to be extremely mild and comparative to a cold or flu and most people are aware of this now, so any move to extend emergency powers will only serve to create more awareness, suspicion and discontent over the reasons for such a move.

Most Australians have proven to be very responsible and take great care to look after each other. Any more encroachment of their freedoms will only serve to disrupt what is normally a peace loving, caring and supportive community. Let us strive to keep our communities "Safe" from discord rather than what has now been widely discovered to be a cold or flu from which most have recovered very well.

As we all know, our doctors who have previously treated patients safely and effectively have been put under duress by their medical authority and have been effectively silenced. This is now common knowledge. Censorship is now recognised and warning bells are ringing widely.

Please help to uphold our democracy and as our elected representatives, help to protect the future of our children, and help prevent further demolition of our wonderful lifestyle and abiding community. There is no reason to suspend democracy and personal freedoms through such an extension of emergency powers other than to create discord. Please help to restore the little faith we have left in our elected representatives by rejecting such a move.

Kind regards

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