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## **Dear Premier**

I understand that you are looking to further extend your Emergency Powers until 31 October 2022. I understand that this has been required previously. However a further extension is not required as COVID is no longer an emergency.

I would like to personally provide you with my experiences:

- 1. Queensland is waiting to return to some 'normal' and COVID is not an emergency any more. It has been going for 2yrs! The data is showing a decline in impact and Queenslanders deserve a level of freedom and autonomy. This is now an Endemic. It needs to be treated like any other flu. Similar to what the rest of the world is doing.
- 2. I have personally been segregated in society through attending medical appointments (made to sit in isolation rooms), not being able to attend family members funeral or wake, being part of my work events being held at cafes etc.
- 3. The social division and ostracising is significant. Your mandates have created social division, in times when we desperately need unity!

Look at the natural disasters, this is always an example of how people come together to help each other! It is no longer an emergency and you need to give the people of Queensland respect in this matter. Thank you for taking time to read this email.

Regards

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