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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)**

I wish to formally advise that I **DO NOT** support the bill nor the extension of the state of emergency.

There has been a scare campaign run by this government for the last 2 years. We were told that Queenslanders would be safe if they got vaccinated. Then they told us the virus was hunting down the unvaccinated. Then they told us the virus is now hunting down the un-boosted. Now we are told that a fourth shot may be required by the end of the year. We were told that at 80% double vaccinated our freedoms would return. Then we were told that at 90% double dose our freedoms would be returned. The goal posts are continually shifted to suit an authoritarian agenda. This bill and extension of the state of emergency only purports to further fuel this agenda & exacerbate the government over-reach we see today.

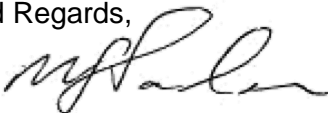
People have lost their jobs, their homes, families have been torn apart, children continue to miss out on rightful education, people have taken their own lives. Hard working Queenslanders have been told they are not needed, like health & teaching professionals, when they are needed the most. This was not the case when they were needed the most at the start of this pandemic, they were labelled heroes, yet now they are shunned and cast off as second-rate citizens. This is not right. Every Queensland, and in fact every Australian, deserves the right to have our lives returned to normal, albeit with some reasonable additions to public health policy, IE masks in age care and hospitals.

The efficacy of the provisionally approved vaccines is also questionable. Not only was the effectiveness overstated, as we see so evidently now against different and current covid strains, the safety profile of these vaccines have been overstated. The TGA's own report of adverse events continues to rise daily, with some 111000 events being reported. Newly released Pfizer documents listed an overwhelmingly large number of effects, 8 pages worth to be precise. This on its own should be concerning for any reasonable person who has the health and wellbeing of people at the forefront of public policy (health or otherwise).

The time to end this level of government overreach is now. The people have had enough of being told what they can and can't do, how they can provide for there families, where they can or cannot go for food or entertainment. Governments and authorities around the world have wound back restrictions & mandates for the good of there people, we should be doing the same. The science does not differ, and if it does, we should be either concerned with that or asking more questions.

Thank you taking the time to read this submission.

Kind Regards,



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