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Objection to the extension of the Emergency Bill

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Dear Sirs,

I strongly oppose the extension of the Emergency Bill until October 31. 2022.

The Covid19 variant, Omicron, is sufficiently weak that the mandates are no longer necessary, and their continuation from this time will cause more harm than good. Deaths without comorbidities are few and in the order of magnitude of strong flu variants that are part of normal life. We live with that. Our vaccination rate is extremely high; those not vaccinated have chosen not to of their own free will (as it should be), accepting the risks and consequences.

Businesses and people's livelihoods are being destroyed. A large proportion of people do not have a Government income to insulate them from the economic reality of losing their livelihoods. Many, choosing not to be vaccinated, have been forced out of jobs, despite the vaccinated being just as likely to become infected as the unvaccinated – this discrimination is madness, it's not logical, and must stop!

Of equal concern is the destructive effects on families due to anti-social Government measures creating mental stress, family breakdown (predominantly from lockdowns), and unnecessary separation from loved ones, especially interstate workers, and those with loved ones in retirement homes.

Also of major concern is the unnecessary continuation of authoritarian rule, overruling individual freedoms inherent in a democracy. I accept that there are occasions when extra authoritarian measures need to be taken, but normal freedoms need to be restored at the earliest opportunity.

The time to remove the emergency measures overdue. Please remove all restrictions at this time for the wellbeing of our country.

Yours faithfully

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