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Dear Parliament Members,

My name is Donna Andrews. I am writing as a voting citizen of Queensland to appeal to you to stop the passing of the extension to the Health Emergency Bill that is on your agenda for when parliament sits on the 15th of March. I implore you, for the mental health of all Queenslanders to oppose this application for extension.

Over the past two years we have, as a state, followed health orders, stayed home when asked, worn masks when asked, even gotten vaccinated because you have mandated that all teachers in the state of Queensland should be vaccinated. I was vaccinated, and since being vaccinated, I have been in the worst state of health that I have been in for years. Straight after my second dose I had chest problems and shortness of breath that lasted over two weeks. Two and a half weeks after my second dose, when I was supposed to be at the peak of my immunity, I got covid. Since then I have been dragging myself through my work, which I usually love, crying before I have to go to school because I feel so exhausted. And then this past week I have been struck down with a chest infection and missed 4 days of work, of which I am still trying to recover. I have been in the worst health I have ever been in.

Not only that, but the emotional stress that you, as a government have placed on me and my family has almost broken me. My [REDACTED] who is expecting her first baby, lost her job as a daycare worker because you mandated that she should have the vaccine. Now her husband and her have had to live on one very small income. Only a week before your mandate was announced, our other [REDACTED] got the vaccine and on her paperwork, issued by you, the Queensland Government, it said Pfizer was not recommended for pregnant women. Yet when your mandate came down you said that it was fine for pregnant women! Which is truth? I can't tell any more!

At the time of the segregation of society that you mandated, we had two weddings on our family to prepare for. And you put highly offensive, emotional blackmailing advertisements on television and even popping up on game apps! "For the love of love". They said, showing a wedding! My mental health was sent into a spin because I knew that my beautiful [REDACTED] could not go to her own [REDACTED] wedding because you mandated that she must be vaccinated and in her pregnant state, she decided that it was not in the best interest of her and her baby. You have tried to take away that basic human right to make medical decisions for your own body, by using weddings as emotional blackmail. How do I know that? Because unvaccinated were still allowed to go to carols by candlelight gatherings, New Year's celebrations, and even the church that we attend on Sundays, where my [REDACTED] got married. His [REDACTED] could go there the day after the wedding for church, but not the day before for his wedding. Emotional blackmail... that is all that rule is.

Then there is the name calling that has come out of your mouths over and over. From lunatics to anti vaxxers and a lot of other names in between. I have never, ever been an "anti vaxxer", all of my children had their vaccinations right on schedule. But when expressing any hesitation or concerns, straight away I was labeled with these names. I am also not a lunatic (Mr Steven Miles) but have graduated from high school, have two University degrees and teach future Australian voters every day.

I also protest against the lies the government have told us. On December 14, 2021, Dr John Gerrard said, "I have been seeing covid cases since the beginning of 2020. People who are vaccinated don't get very sick, they don't get

very sick at all. They may get no symptoms, or they may get a mild cold. These aren't the people who will be filling up our hospitals." (Quote source: Courier Mail) Yet then on the 31st of December, he was quoted by 9 News saying, "this reminds us that even if you're vaccinated it is possible to get quite sick with Covid-19. This does happen and we've known this all along." He is lying in one of those quotes... which is it?

Parliament, you need to stop this Emergency Bill from passing, we have tried to support you throughout these two years, but enough! Let us make our own decisions about our health. Stop making us show our private medical details to people just so that we can go to our [REDACTED] wedding (although it's too late for us now, but save another family from the emotional trauma), allow my pregnant [REDACTED] to go and get a cup of tea at a cafe and if she wants to! It's time to end this, please vote against the extension to the Emergency Bill.

Kind regards,
Donna Andrews

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