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Dear Committee Secretary

RE: PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS)
AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (BILL)

I am writing to formally advise that I do not support the Bill above, nor do I support the extension of the state of emergency.

A state of emergency seemed reasonable at the outset of the pandemic, amid the confusion, lack of reliable data and lack of reliable therapies for the treatment of the disease.

It is now clear that the emergency situation has long passed and that any extension of the state of emergency would be an abuse of power. I, and I am sure many others, would have to question the democratic values of those petitioning for and supporting an extension to the state of emergency.

It would seem a wiser course of action for the government of Queensland to be focussing instead on helping families and individuals overcome some of the financial mental health, and relationship problems caused by unnecessary lock downs and mandates.

Instead of demonising and isolating sections of society for their medical choices, the government could be helping to rebuild people's trust in public institutions and in government. The state government needs to act to stop this bill, to stop radical groups from taking advantage of communities that have become disenfranchised and distrustful of the medical institutions and their own government.

The data is available for all to see. Any push for an extension to the state of emergency will be marked in history and to the rest of the world, as one more attack on democracy.

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I give consent for my submission to be published.

Regards

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