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I unequivocally and resoundingly DO NOT want an Extension to the Emergency Bill.

The impact of Coronavirus on the community has fallen well short of all the modelling data. The fear, division and discrimination being generated from the current mandates and the combined position of politicians and the media is crippling this state.

Statistically speaking this is some information from the ABS website:

Of the 2,556 Covid deaths 69.5% or 1,176 already had underlying “pre-existing” chronic conditions.

8.6% or 220 died of Covid alone.

There were 21.9% or 560 reported with “casual sequence of events only” that arguably could be Covid related but other events occurred to make causation difficult.

At best only 220 or 8.6% are directly due to Covid. This is not a majority of the 2,556 deaths.

Please keep in mind that these are national figures, the Queensland figures are a minuscule fraction of the total Australian outlook.

When we cross-reference this data with the mild nature of the current strain of Covid, namely, Omicron, the situation hardly seems to warrant an Emergency. Particularly in light of CHO's recent comments along the lines of: "we will have to learn to live with Covid" and "we have to move from Covid being a pandemic to endemic". This is paraphrasing but a very close approximation.

We cannot afford the physical, mental, societal and economic damage this continued state of Emergency is causing the people of Queensland. We have local governments around the state neglecting to enforce or publicly denouncing mandatory vaccination, we are over 90% double vaccinated.

It's time to let us get on with our lives and make our own choices, this government over reach has to end.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone