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Good morning

I implore you to vote against extension of the State of Emergency powers being extended. In 2020 we had Jobkeeper, but 2021/22 we have had no assistance. The day the mandates were announced in Nov my sales dropped off & we had the worst Christmas ever. Nothing has improved. I & my staff, now on very reduced hours, are very depressed & many of my customers have lost their jobs. A day does not pass that someone doesn't come in crying (they don't buy anything) & some are suicidal. My business is on the brink & if the mandates are not dropped we will go under & I & my staff will be going on unemployment instead of generating income for the State! What is the point of all this. The vaccinated are getting & spreading Covid as much or more than the unvaxed & this strain is so mild.

If these powers are extended I will be closing my business. I would be wanting an explanation as to how you can legally & morally justify it. Please see sense. It is over! Let the State get back on its feet. No tourist wants to see a wall of closed businesses. It will be the death toll for Cairns Qld & Oz.

Thank you for your humane decision. Lives & livelihoods will be saved by a NO vote.

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