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The proposed extension to the Emergency Powers is now both unwarranted and unjustified.

Reasons:

The Emergency directions has actually done the opposite - led to a critical shortage in staff numbers across health/ emergency / teaching sectors because of forced mandates- NOT THE VIRUS.

Coronavirus is now endemic - daily case numbers are tolerable and manageable within the health sector. It is affecting predominantly the older age group of Queenslanders in aged care - a situation that can be targeted and managed via legislation and policy (think annual drivers licence renewals for over 75). It is no longer what we experienced in 2020.

Any critical shortages within hospitals, schools, police are actually attributable to staff being forced out by CHO directions under the Emergency Powers and interpretations of clinical definitions and projections of the virus, rather than the virus itself.

CORONAVIRUS, particularly Omicron has shown itself to present as a common cold and is non-discriminatory - both vaccinated and non vaccinated have got it. There is no justification for on-going directions excluding and ostracising unvaccinated people.

More people have tragically died on our roads in the past two years - yet no mandated restrictions or directions for driving on roads. If anything, these increases may have been attributable to up to 1000 police officers - 10% - of the workforce deployed 'off the road' at airports, hotels and border checks under the same Emergency Powers. Risk vs Reward?

The ABS survey indisputably shows that Coronavirus deaths accounted for 1 % of the population. More people die of heart disease, cancer and other illnesses annually. Where are the mandates to make people healthier to negate heart related deaths or reduce cancer?

Remove the Emergency powers and the real crisis - that is thousands of qualified nurses, teachers, police on forced leave, sitting at home by virtue of a mandatory vaccination direction- will no longer be an issue. We can return to normal.

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