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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
Subject: Extension to Emergency Powers Bill
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Dear Sir/Madam

This email is to express my objection to the Extension of the Emergency Powers Bill.

I am a 39 year old fit and healthy woman of 3 young daughters. However, since I was 25 I was diagnosed with Lupus (an autoimmune condition) and have subsequently been diagnosed with 2 further autoimmune conditions. For the past 6 months my lupus has been very unstable and hard to get under control, so my GP and I had the discussion and made the decision for me NOT to get the covid vaccination as there would be no guarantee I would be free from adverse reactions.

Because of this health choice, I am now treated as a second class citizen. I am someone who was brought up middle class, attended University and graduated with a Science Degree, worked professionally and in senior Management for both the State and Local government, now run a small business, I bought a house quite young, would travel and go on holidays - I would say I lived a very privileged life. Now I am turned away from ordering a coffee from my local Cafe, people look me up and down when they hear I am not vaccinated, and step to the side. I have lived a privileged life as a somewhat powerful white woman, and now I am being judged and discriminated against.

I can handle not being allowed into cafes, restaurants etc, but what is wrong is that I cannot take my three little girls to the movies. All they wanted in the school holidays was to see "Sing 2", and I couldn't grant them this little wish.

Since my daughters started school in 2018, I have been a regular volunteer at their school to help with reading groups, changing home readers and any other tasks that they require assistance with. This year I cannot help out at the school because I am unvaccinated. I am the only parent of one of my daughters classes that volunteered to help, and yet I am not allowed to, so the teacher has no assistance with these tasks, and as such loses teaching time of our children, to do such things that a helper could do. I was going to volunteer at the school tuckshop one day a week this year. I can't do that either. And what is ironic is that the school can't get any volunteers at the moment because of this ridiculous rule, and as such are so short of helpers the tuckshop has been closed more days than it has been open. This also includes the breakfast club where vulnerable children are supported by being provided breakfast each morning. They are now missing out. Is this what the Queensland Government are standing for these days - vulnerable children left to starve, and all our children's education being impacted because the teachers can't dedicate 100% of their time to teach!

I am no greater risk to ANYONE than a vaccinated person. Particularly now as I write this email, because I am currently in isolation with Covid-19, and am doing fine (nothing more than a bit of congestion and feeling more tired than normal). I now have immunity against this persistent virus, much the same, if not stronger, than those vaccinated, but I'm still cast off from society.

This is not about keeping people safe, it never has been. This is about a government who are enjoying the power and wielding control. You have reached your herd immunity targets, so STOP persecuting those people who have legitimate reasons for not wanting the vaccine.

Furthermore, and every health professional will tell you, as my GP does regularly, this will become endemic. It will be similar to that of the yearly winter flu, as the Spanish Flu once was before it mutated to become the flu. Are you still going to shut people out because they won't get the 'flu/covid vaccine'? These are clear examples of this having nothing to do with health and safety, and everything to do with control. The purpose of a vaccine, such as chicken pox, measles, mumps etc, is to stop transmission. I am in complete support of this and have my daughters up to date with all their vaccinations since they were born. So why is this vaccine NOT stopping transmission. These are clear facts that the people are presenting, and its about time those in charge took heed of these facts and stop the mandates.

There is no need to extend the Emergency Powers Bill, especially in the current time of real emergencies along the east coast with these horrific floods.

Regards

Brooke McKenzie

(and this is my family, and these are our little girls who can't go to the movies anymore).