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Dear Sir madam,

Please accept this email as my position AGAINST allowing an extension of the Emergency Bill. The reasons against why this bill SHOULD NOT be extended, and I list a few of the most valid ones below; from a statistical and community point of view but also reasons that relate to personal experience.

- Firstly, recent data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics indicate the morbidity and mortality of the recent Covid 19 pandemic. The ABS summary indicates that less than 1% of deaths since the inception of the pandemic can be attributed to Covid 19. Of these deaths 92% had, on average 3-4 co-morbidities, indicating that Australia's real health pandemic can be attributed to the morbidity and mortality of these underlying co-morbidities. These ABS statistics verify that there is no need for provisions (as set out by the emergency bill) to continue with government intervention.
- Premier Anastasia Palaszczuk has repeatedly and consistently demonstrated her incompetency and poor judgement when applying the powers of the Emergency Bill so far. An example of this is her support support for Dr Jeanette Youngs negative stance and public criticism of the Astra Zeneca vaccination. The premier's direct support of this criticism represents 'bad advice that puts Queenslanders at a heightened and dangerous risk in the face of a Covid outbreak,' (Deputy Chief Medical Officer Michael Kidd, 03/08.21). Despite this warning from Dr Kidd, Dr Jeanette Young reiterated her view warning about the AZ vaccine – a view that Premier Palaszczuk again supported. This decision was widely criticised at a state and national level for contributing to vaccine hesitancy. This stance saw the AZ vaccine, which was both effective and a far cheaper national vaccine option, fall in popularity in such a way that manufacturing the AZ vaccine in Australia was no longer an option.
- Premier Palaszczuk and the current Labor state government has demonstrated that they are unable to apply the Emergency Bill powers with responsibility or empathy. In this instance, I will refer to personal circumstances to validate this point. In 2020, our family travelled to Victoria for a planned Christmas holiday. An outbreak of Covid resulted in border restrictions. Premier Palaszczuk ordered Qld residents to return to Qld within 24 hours of her press conference. We drove for 20 hours to adhere to her instructions – a situation that was dangerous in itself – only to have the premier retrospectively backdate restrictions so that our family was required to self-isolate at home for 14 days over Christmas. The premier's information continued to be inconsistent and contradictory (at

press conferences, online via Qld health websites, and also via QLD health hotline) so that we could have unwittingly been fined thousands of dollars because of the moving legal parameters that the restrictions entailed. This isolation was pre-Christmas and we were unable to purchase food online to be delivered within a 5 day timeframe. We had no choice but to leave the house to buy food. The irony of this situation is that the area in NSW that the premier applied restrictions to was not deemed a hot spot by the CHO in NSW and had no such Covid restrictions. We lost \$1000s of dollars of booking fees and found ourself in severe restrictions by following premier Palaszczuk's poor leadership choices as they relate to Emergency Bill powers.

- Premier Palaszczuk and the current state government continues to prove that she is incapable of applying powers or advice with nuance. The premier unnecessarily delayed the opening of schools for two weeks at the beginning of the 2022 school year. This decision was made as the Covid morbidity rates and mortality statistics were declining significantly. Now, premier Palaszczuk continues to apply Emergency Bill powers to Qld communities in an indiscriminate and ill-informed manner. As I look out today, at clear blue skies in Eumundi SE Queensland, I am asking myself why the premier has instructed ALL SE QUEENSLAND SCHOOLS TO CLOSE DUE TO THE STORM EMERGENCY when no such emergency exists to this area. So far, my daughter has missed almost half of her year 12 content – her most important school year - due to the premier's poor application of this bill.

Warm regards,
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