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I currently am employed in an Emergency Service that did not Mandate Vaccination.

I was actually shocked by this position as I was responsible for thinking far enough into the future to be integral in developing Swiftwater and Floodwater Rescue for this same Emergency Service that was for a short time given the extra powers of being an Authority.

With the extra powers under our Authority I received my first Award for developing a Safety Video in 2000. Our powers were promptly returned as a Rescue Service well before the 2011 Floods. This rational and forward thinking determination saw this SFR Training was then recognised as Worlds best practise. Again I was part of a Technical Rescue team that was consequently awarded for the effort that went into developing this successful State wide training package for those 2011 Floods.

I want to state quite clearly that it is time to limit the potential for over reach that the continuation of these Emergency Powers will invite. Let Queensland be, finish, finalise and bring to conclusion this traumatic period; or risk being the unnecessary cause for enduring traumatic association and social tension.

Please recognize the maturity of Queenslanders and their boundaries.

There is no longer any substantiation for these continuing restrictions, Omicron (a recognized lesser Covid version) is on the decline and Community push back will see more damage than any short sighted and continuing pandemic power preservation.

Sincerely,

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