From: To:

Community Support and Services Committee

Subject:

Submission: Public Health & Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill

Date: Thursday, 3 March 2022 11:30:20 PM

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the extension of the Public Health & Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill.

Queensland (and Australia) needs to learn how to live with COVID-19. COVID-19 is clearly no longer the disaster or emergency that was initially predicted. The majority of the QLD population have either caught or been exposed to the virus by this stage and the variants are becoming increasingly more mild.

The vaccines also do not stop infection from the Omicron variant or future variants as they were created based off the Delta variant.

Therefore, the QLD Government no longer requires emergency powers to enforce the health orders as there is no longer an emergency. The Emergency Powers are at risk of being abused by leaders who have less accountability for their actions.

I am requesting that the Public Health & Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill does not get extended.

Regards

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