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To the Committee Secretary,

RE: Public Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022

I am writing because I am opposed to every aspect of the Public Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022.

The supposed 'State of Emergency' that has been in place for the past 2 years has already cost so much and I am opposed to any extension to this.

The impacts include:

- Loss of human rights and freedoms
- Significant financial loss to many businesses and individuals
- Fear, anxiety and depression for many Queenslanders
- Personally, the loss of a much-loved job (as an experienced educator of more than 20 years. I hold a Masters degree and also was in a management role).

All of these impacts and freedoms were taken for the sake of controlling a virus, which clearly has not resulted. It is noted that the actions of the State Government in responding to the Covid-19 emergency over the past 2 years would be considered illegal without the declaration of a State of Emergency, the expansion of existing powers and the continued extension of emergency powers.

The peak of the pandemic is over, so therefore there is no justifiable reason to for the good of Queenslanders to allow an extension of this power.

I thank you for your careful consideration of this matter and trust that the right decision will be made moving forward.

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