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To: [Economics and Governance Committee](#)
Subject: *EMERGENCY BILL EXTENSION Discussion
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Dear Committee Secretary

I am writing a response to the decision of a Bill being passed featuring the continuation of increased legislative measures around COVID-19 emergency conditions in QLD.

I am a Christian minister, a husband and father. This bill is a concern to me as it does not specify any commitments to exiting the state of emergency, rather it seems the priority is holding on to a continued state of emergency for reinforcing restrictions of a permanent manner even in the case of 1 or 2 positively tested cases.

This concerns me for a range of reasons.

1. The mandatorily enforced vaccinations (I am concerned that little to no responsible action has been taken to protect the public firstly from the violation of their freedom to choose whether or not they receive this vaccine, and secondly that the public is protected from the harm being caused by these vaccinations)
2. The “lockdown” culture — where the government can lock entire regions / cities and states down on the basis of one or two cases — and strictly enforce a fear driven control of the public and there personal movement, and freedom to choose their attire
3. The illegal demand to disclose our personal medical preferences and information
4. The ambiguity around the information given to the public.
5. The sudden change to church / religious gatherings being an essential service. When did that suddenly change?

There is more here that I am willing to add. But overall, my feelings as an upright Australian citizen are as follows.

What is to happen if our freedom is no longer protected by our Government. I believe and understand the foundations and obligations of healthy governmental authority is to preserve and protect freedom, not restrict or violate it among free and innocent upright citizens. I believe freedom needs only to be protected by restriction in the case where an individual or group

use their freedom to commit crimes that harm or damage other peoples freedom or welfare.


I know there are government personnel who are making every effort to protect Australian people, their families and communities. For that I thank you. Please consider Australians voices because there are those of us who are saying, the way things are being done, feels to be a violation of our simple freedoms to choose basic day to day movements, dress and the sacred practice of our faith.

Additionally, I am a minister in the Church and want to be reassured that the essential service of church community gatherings will be protected. There are many we interact with that are flourishing because they have life giving community and a place to worship.

Thank you for your time.

Warm regards,

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