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Dear Committee Members,

Firstly I do not agree or consent to the extension to the above Bill.

This extension to emergency powers should have been advertised more widely (I got a message from a friend through Facebook-is this really how we deal with important public matters in Queensland) and accompanied by robust public debate as to whether to proceed or not with granting the state government these special powers. I was reading yesterday that 400 people have died from the flu this year and only 1 person from covid-19. This doesn't sound like a situation requiring emergency powers.

Our country is a democracy and we vote to be governed by elected officials NOT by government bureaucrats. Sadly we seem to have few if any leaders any more, as all our elected officials blindly follow the health ministers who are making all the decisions and continuing these "State of Emergency" powers only serves to fuel their authoritarian ambitions. I'm saddened to see the failure of Government (State and Federal) protection for our basic human rights and more authoritarian measures rise up state by state.

It's government's responsibility to protect our rights, it's our responsibility to protect our health.

There is a lot more information available now from many overseas locations in the form of vaccination trials, studies etc. which should aid us in controlling the spread of Covid-19.

regards  
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