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To: <u>Economics and Governance Committee</u>

Subject: Re: New Qld bill extends emergency powers to 30 April 2022

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This is a bill that warrants public debate, not to be passed quietly behind closed doors. We were told that we needed a quick lockdown to flatten the curve. That was well over 12 months ago now and the curve has been well and truly flattened. The goal that the government informed us of has been met. I, a voting member of the public, do not want a renewal of the emergency state. I instead want to see a clear, specific and transparent exit strategy for how we as a state are planning on taking the steps to resume business as usual. We have proven that Covid-19 has NOT turned into an emergency situation. Now it's time to prove we can coexist with this new mutation, just like we coexist with all of those that came before it. We don't shut the world down every flu season. We take measures to minimise negative effect. I'm asking for transparency and accountability. We are still a democracy.

Regards

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