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To whom it may concern,

On 16 June 2021, the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services, the Hon Yvette D'Ath MP, introduced the Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021 (Bill) into the Queensland Parliament. On 18 June 2021, the Bill was referred to the Economics and Governance Committee for its consideration and report to the Parliament by 6 August 2021.

The Bill proposes to:

further extend the operation of a range of legislative measures implemented to facilitate the health response to COVID-19 and to minimise economic and other impacts

implement additional, minor improvements to those provisions, to:

clarify that quarantine directions may be served electronically
establish a new prepayment system for quarantine fees, including allowing for the prescription of cohorts for whom fees must be paid in advance or for whom fees may be waived, and supporting more flexible payment and collection arrangements (including refund provisions).

The extension provisions follow previous temporary extensions effected by a series of Acts of Parliament in late 2020 and 2021, under which the majority of measures are due to expire on 30 September 2021. The Bill would extend this legislative expiry date to 30 April 2022, or an earlier date to be prescribed by regulation.

I am opposing the date to which these would expire. I have many reasons but at the end of the day, MPs are supposed to represent the people and I am speaking up to say I disagree. I can happily give my reasoning in a follow up email if requested. But at the end of the day, I oppose this and many people I speak to oppose this. It's also not spoken in the media but quietly being slipped under the radar. Please be a democracy and put this to the people if you must.

Thank you
Bec A