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For consideration of the Queensland Parliament,

I am a regular, low-income Australian, and I cannot survive another seven months under the persistent threat of sudden lockdowns and socially alienating restrictions the parliament seeks to perpetually extend.

My problems with these proposed provisions are twofold: firstly, these restrictions completely undermine and violate the liberties and freedoms we as Australians have come to enjoy over our development as a nation. The government should not have the authority to tell people where they can go, when they can travel, and with whom they can interact. Such actions should be left solely to the discretion of the individual, and to violate these most fundamental of rights creates a terrifying precedent that can easily be abused by future administrations.

Secondly, as an informed citizen I have been keeping a keen eye on reports from countries around the world on the effects of Covid-19 on the populous. This research has led me to conclude without any doubt that the reports of fatalities and complications from Covid-19 have been vastly overestimated. For the vast majority of the population, Covid-19 presents no more of a threat to life than any strain of the common cold. Vulnerable populations, such as the very old and those with serious pre-existing medical conditions, should of course take precautions against such a virus, but not at the expense of the lives of those for whom the virus poses almost zero risk.

By considering the extension of provisions relating to Covid-19, the parliament is not only deliberating over whether they wish to further damage Queensland's society and economy by violating the basic human rights of its citizens, but it is doing so through methods to control a nearly benign virus that have been seen time and time again to be ineffectual at best and actively harmful at worst. I urge the parliament to not only reject the extension of these provisions, but to legislate against any such archaic provisions being considered in the future.

Regards,

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