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I understand the Queensland Government has applied to extend the State of Emergency in this state until the 30th of April, 2022. Please do not allow this.

A State of Emergency is a situation in which government is empowered to be able to put forward policies that it normally would not be permitted to do. Obviously you know this. However, for most Queenslanders it's starting to feel like it has become a rationale or a pretext for suspending rights and freedoms guaranteed to us under Australia's basic law system. It has been a sneaky move by the State Government to push for this extension so quietly. Not a single mention of it in the media or amongst our state legal bodies. We are still a democracy although it's starting to feel more like communism. State of Emergency powers are supposed to be used to take action to investigate, eliminate, and reduce public health risks. These powers should only be extended for no more than thirty days at a time.

Considering that there has been only one death, Australia wide, so far this year, compared to over three hundred deaths from the vaccination itself, one would think the State of Emergency would be reversed from the virus itself to the safety of the vaccine. In addition, the Delta variant may be more contagious, however is 75% weaker than the original Covid 19 virus. With no more deaths being reported, plus now the fact that the Federal Government has a four stage plan out of this so called pandemic, this extension asked for by our State Government is an oversight .

In conclusion, we all seem to have lost sight of the fact that lockdowns were originally planned to keep the burden off the hospital system. Our hospitals are not longer overrun with Covid 19 patients. We were told we needed short sharp lockdowns to flatten the curve. We have. We now, as I mentioned, have a Federal Government plan, a road map, out of this current emergency. We do not need a State of Emergency extension to this degree, if at all.

Please do the right thing for the Queensland people.

Yours sincerely
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