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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this submission to OPPOSE the
**Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring
Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021.**

I am a mother of 3 children, with a double degree in Biology. I am a good honest citizen who is appalled by this Bill. I do not think it is fair or reasonable or responsible to extend Qld's Emergency Provisions any further for the following reasons:

1. We have had these 'emergency' provisions in place for over 2 years now. An emergency does not extend for years without very very severe conditions and cases. It must be justified. It has NOT been justified.
2. In that entire 2 YEAR period we have had only 7 deaths of patients with Covid19 in QLD. SEVEN. And NONE in the past 8 months. This does not constitute ANY emergency whatsoever. (Source: [Queensland COVID-19 statistics](#))
3. In that entire 2 YEAR period we have had only 1700 covid19 positive test results in QLD. Most asymptomatic (ie not even unwell). 7 deaths in 1700 cases is a death rate of 0.4%. This is a lower death rate than influenza, which is not considered an emergency virus (Source: [Queensland COVID-19 statistics](#))
4. We have had now 2 hard lockdowns and a full 2 years of various restrictions in QLD allowed by these emergency provisions. You have restricted movement, travel, work, visiting family and friends, attending funerals or weddings, social events, education, even our right to breathe freely or exercise outdoors or in gyms. Worst of all, you have destroyed many small businesses permanently with forced closure and restrictions, you have restricted the income earning capacity of good honest people, and you have even stopped our children from attending school. Each of these things breaches human rights, our constitution, and are only allowed because of this declared 'emergency'.
5. This emergency has been declared for a virus with a very low death rate that has killed less people in QLD than even car crashes have. Why do you restrict our freedom, movement and even our children's education for this? If covid19 is an emergency in Australia then surely influenza is an even higher emergency??? For context, nationally, in the full period of this 'emergency' 2020-2021, a total of 910 Australians have died from Covid19 (Source: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) current situation and case numbers](#)). In 2019 alone (ONE YEAR NOT TWO) over 4000 Australians died from Influenza. Why was this not an emergency??? How is this declaration of an emergency even reasonable?? (Source: <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/health/causes-death/causes-death-australia/latest-release>). The fact is, it is not.
6. It is not reasonable to extend this 'emergency' until April 2022. That is over 9 MONTHS of extension. You can not possibly predict what this situation will do that far in the future. None of us can. Altho, as a scientist myself, I can tell you that statistically, based on the fact that only 7 people have died over 2 years and not one in the last 8 months, that not only is there no emergency now, but it is significantly likely that there will also still be no emergency in 9 months time. This very minute death toll has decreased to zero and sat there for 8 months straight now.

I conclude by reiterating that I absolutely OPPOSE this Bill. It is a breach of human rights and is completely unfounded in both science and statistical fact. Already, the restrictions placed upon QLDers have been unethical, unreasonable, and illogical. They have cost good people their livelihoods, their business and their freedom. Nothing short of an abuse of power. This abuse of power needs to end NOW. Not be extended any further.

Thankyou for your time,

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