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To: [Economics and Governance Committee](#)
Subject: PROPOSED QLD BILL EXTENDS EMERGENCY POWERS TO 30 APRIL 2022
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I am writing to strongly oppose the extension of the emergency powers on the basis that my family and I, and many other people I have spoken to, are experiencing stress and ill health from the restrictions and ongoing intrusive measures to our rights and freedoms.

The limitations are disproportionate and even unnecessary for the majority of the time and affect us in a number of ways. Firstly let me address why I think they are disproportionate. In 2017 there were 745 deaths* from influenza, this did not even make news, that reached me, let alone trigger any form of restrictions. Secondly, let me explain why I say it's unnecessary, if I don't want to catch a virus then I will choose not to leave my home and make the decision if I do wish to leave my home and take the risk under my own sovereign right.

I have always strived to be a law abiding citizen. However, abiding these restrictions that have been made under the emergency powers have cost me dearly. The costs come in the form of a deterioration of my mental health, with increased anxiety, sleeplessness, anxiety and depression. I have suffered from financial losses as I did not qualify for job keeper and the social isolation has expounded the effects and has made it harder to have a healthy happy balanced family life. My daughter has missed a large proportion of her schooling life so far and It's not the virus doing this, it's the reactive fear based restrictions that violate human rights.

I am constantly helping my 6 year old daughter through the trauma of having plans to visit family cancelled due to the restrictions. Her time with her Grandparents is limited. After the announcement about this current lock down her grandmother said "if I can't see my grandchildren and children I may as well be dead".

Reactions made in fear are often worse than the true effects of what we fear. This is certainly the case here. I have spoken to a doctor about his personal bout of Covid and having heard of the horrible two week ordeal, I'd rather face getting the disease than face two years of unaccountable lockdowns. There seems to be no transparency and the hypocrisy of what is allowed and not allowed is astounding.

Let people live lawfully and make their own choices and those that want to be 'safe' can stay at home if they choose. In your response please dont tell me its because of the new variant as the delta variant seems more milder and will most likely lead to herd immunity. **

Please explain why these emergency powers would be extended.

Kind Regards

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*Deaths reported in notified cases of laboratory confirmed influenza to the NNDSS were the highest in 2017

to date (n=745).

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