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**To:** [Economics and Governance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Submission regarding the Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021  
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I, Inga Kamps, would like to make a submission regarding the Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021. This submission is made on behalf of myself, as an Australian citizen.

I reference the extension provisions which seek to extend the legislative expiry date of the expiry date of this Bill to 30 April 2022. I would like to submit my objection to this expiry date. At present, the Bill expires on 30 September 2021. I believe the current expiry date should be sufficient to enable the government to establish a plan to mitigate and manage the risks associated with covid in the community.

I do not support any further extension to the international border closures as I feel very strongly that complete elimination of the virus within the community is unrealistic, and Australia must instead make plans to manage the virus's presence within the community. As I understand it, from the beginning, the major concern relating to covid would be that the health system would be overrun and we would find ourselves with an inability to safely treat any people experiencing adverse covid reactions.

A percentage of Australia's population - including the most vulnerable has been vaccinated. Come September 2021, this percentage would have increased. I reiterate that the primary concern relating to covid was that our health system would not be able to manage the cases - with this percentage of the community vaccinated, this risk is already significantly reduced. For the rest of us that are not in high-risk groups, it is likely that even if unvaccinated we would be able to recover from covid in the comfort of our own homes, with minimal medical intervention.

I believe these severely restrictive measures are no longer necessary. Covid will remain a presence in the global community moving forward and we need to plan to live with it. Increased vaccine uptake will assist this, and it is already occurring and in process. By focusing on complete elimination, Australia is focusing on the wrong goal - we need to look for ways to move forward rather than hitting the pause button as a management tool.

I do not wish for this bill to be extended. Please consider the significant impact this is having on some Australians, the mental health repercussions are arguably more damaging than this virus itself, the financial burden placed on people who are already struggling. I am certain that these impacts are much much worse than those brought about by the virus itself, it's just that people/the media is not focusing on this stuff at this time.

Please don't extend this bill. It is causing people to suffer, and it's too much for some to bear.

Thanks in advance for your consideration and time and kind regards  
Inga

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