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To: [Economics and Governance Committee](#)
Subject: Submission regarding public health and other legislation amendment bill 2021
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Dear committee

I hope you are well.

I am writing this submission against the above bill written by Yvette D'Ath, proposing further extensions to the state of emergency in Queensland and giving the CHO further sweeping powers. While this bill claims to include safeguards, they are too broad. As long as the CHO thinks something is necessary to contain the spread of Covid-19, it is allowed. Firstly, this is a huge amount of power centralised in one person who is not elected and yet has enormous powers over the lives of her fellow citizens. Secondly, the CHO is not part of a large panel of health experts from broad walks of life. She could be prone to arbitrary decisions without an accountability system, which is not currently in place.

I object to the government collecting my information every time I buy a banana. I object to them "keeping me safe" at my own expense - literally! The expense of days of work, of holidays I've paid for, of my freedoms, and much more. More responsibility needs to be concentrated with the citizens of Queensland. If we are capable of voting, we are capable of deciding what risks we are comfortable to take. The CHO and health minister need to realise this and return personal responsibility to the citizens of Queensland.

Thank you for your time.

I'm Yvette K Bracefield, at [REDACTED].

Kind regards
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