

Friday, July 2, 2021

NEW QUEENSLAND BILL EXTENDING EMERGENCY POWERS TO 30 APRIL 2022

To Whom it may Concern

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to submit my **disapproval** of the bill extending the emergency powers to April 2022

As far as I have been able to tell, no mention of the Bill, its contents or tabling last Wednesday has received a single mention in the media or state legal bodies. The public have a right to know beforehand so they can voice their approval/disapproval of this bill as it affects every single Australian. This is something that warrants public discussion, if not debate.

The huge monetary cost to the nation has been far and away out of proportion to the dangers to the public. This has been mainly carried by small businesses that do not have the capacity to be out of work for any length of time.

The tyranny that has been seen in too many instances of power being unjustly executed against the public who many times were not acting in an illegal manner makes a person afraid for our great nation.

Our nation is becoming a country of separate States that are not pulling together in this but are often in direct contest to each other.

The Covid19 pandemic, although being very contagious is no way any worse than the yearly "flu", which has killed so many more people than who have died from Covid. This is not an excuse to have so called emergency measures put in place.

Now to the mental effect on people; Suicides statistics are higher than normal due to the scare tactics the Government are using to control the people, the lack of personal contact in lockdowns causes people who are needing mental help to be even more depressed and this causes domestic violence, violence against children, isolation in our aged care homes where residents are denied the right to have family visits. My Son in law who not long ago had a mental breakdown organized to visit his Mum in an aged care facility to take her out for lunch. He struggles with his mum not knowing him and of the short time he will have with her. In getting there he found it already in lockdown the day before the date set by the Gov. so no visit allowed. This is cruel to people with little time to live.

I must strongly ask that you rethink the decision to extend the state of emergency and allow our State of Qld to get back to a more normal way.

A State of Emergency is normally put in place to help people in dire distress due to issues beyond their control and is there to help, give aid, comfort and help the people to get on with their lives. This is not what the State of Emergency is doing today in Qld, exactly the opposite; it's causing distress, monetary loss, mental anguish, loss of jobs etc.

Yours sincerely

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