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Committee Secretary

Economic and Governance Committee

Parliament House

George Street

Brisbane QLD 4000

Dear Sir/Madam,

I object to the new proposed Queensland Bill to extend emergency powers to 30 April 2022.

These powers impose restrictions of the free movement of citizens, their ability to travel, conduct a business, attend school, church and sport as well as the power to issue mandates on mask wearing.

Hon.Yvette D'Ath says most measures will be extended for 7 months to continue the health and safety of all Queenslanders during a pandemic. In 2021, one person in Australia has died with Covid 19. There is no pandemic, yet unelected health officials with the support of the Government have forced parts of our state in to lockdown and announced mask mandates for citizens. This not compatible with the Human Rights Act 2019 which states that human rights should be limited only after careful consideration, and should only be limited in a way that can be justified in a free and democratic society based on human dignity, equality, freedom and the rule of law.

The impact the lockdowns is having on the community emotionally and financially is devastating.

The government should never have the power to lockdown its residents or force a medical procedure such as mask wearing on its citizens.

Furthermore, I have requested information from Queensland Health on three occasions to provide me with the scientific data that masks are effective. They have not been able to provide this information. Given the CHO stated last year that we did not need to wear a mask unless a person was sick to now making it mandatory to wear masks. I think it is reasonable that I be provided with scientific evidence that supports this mandate along with the risk and benefits of the medical procedure to have informed consent about wearing a mask.

The extension of emergency powers is unjust and an overreach of Government power to lockdown citizens and force mask mandates.

Kind regards

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