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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 July 2021 10:35 PM  
**To:** Economics and Governance Committee  
**Subject:** Proposed emergency powers bill

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to communicate our extreme disagreement with the proposed extension of State of Emergency powers [until 30 April 2022](#).

I object on many levels. For a start, I continue to believe in what you may consider out-dated democratic principles like the need for public debate, transparency and accountable government. You do not appear to be allowing any public debate on this very important issue, that will affect all Queenslanders. In fact, this proposed bill does not seem to have made it into the media AT ALL. This in itself is very wrong.

I do not trust your processes, or your word. From the time Queenslanders were first told we needed a 'short, sharp lockdown' to 'flatten the curve', the Government has released no 'exit strategy' or 'roadmap' for a way out of the current 'emergency' conditions – an 'emergency' which is starting to look ominously permanent.

I do understand that emergency powers are sometimes necessary. However, a virus that has an extremely high recovery rate (>97% recovery rate, according to most sources) CAN NOT be considered an emergency. Our hospitals are well-equipped to deal with the outbreaks that will occur. We should not be aiming for zero case - to do so is idealistic, infantile, ridiculous. We were initially told we needed to flatten the curve - and this was the initial justification for shutting down the economy and removing our freedoms. Well - the curve is flat - VERY, VERY FLAT - and now you are suggesting that you should be allowed to extend emergency powers until April 2022?? For what reason?? What is your agenda?? You are behaving in a tyrannical manner. For these reasons and many others, I STRONGLY OBJECT TO YOUR PROPOSED BILL.

Sincerely,  
Evan Munns

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