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To: Economics and Governance Committee
Subject: NEW PROPOSED QLD BILL TO EXTEND EMERGENCY POWERS TO 30 APRIL 2022

ATTN; ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE and HEALTH COMMITTEE

I note this proposed bill was quietly tabled on 16 June in the middle of the budget sitting with no option for public debate, transparency and accountable government.

I am highly concerned regarding the proposed extension for a further 7 months from 30 September 2021 to 30 April 2022 which would extend powers to the Chief Health Officer to impose restrictions with no clear end date in sight. These powers impact Queenslanders ability to free movement, ability to travel, conduct a business, attend school, church or sport and mandating masks, social distancing and more, including additional measures for the care of mental health patients, persons of intellectual disability and those in prisons and youth detention.

The Govt has given NO clear exit strategy regarding the current Covid situation and the proposed extension is not justified based on the lack of a pandemic in Australia.

Since the initial strategy of 14 days lockdown to 'flatten the curve' to enable hospitals to prepare for admissions, the government since has totally changed tactic and appear to be trying to eliminating any cold and flu case from society which is totally unreasonable, using an inaccurate pcr test which was never designed for the purpose Qld Health is using it for.

The current impact of restrictions on citizens mentally, emotionally, physically and financially is totally unacceptable.

We need to return to our rights of freedom now and be given back our own personal choice of how to manage our individual health risks.

I OPPOSE this proposal and reject the Qld Bill to extend Emergency Powers to 30 April 2022.

Regards

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