

The Chairman,
Economics and Governance Committee,
Parliament House,
Brisbane

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to the proposed extension of Queensland's State of Emergency and associated powers, I would like to make the following comments:

State of Emergency

I feel an extension of the State of Emergency is not necessary as there have been only a very small number of supposedly positive COVID cases so far this year. Given the known inaccuracies of the PCR tests used, there's all likelihood that a lot of 'positive' results are, in fact, false.

Detriment to Businesses

Further lock-downs will have an extremely detrimental effect on already severely struggling small businesses. All these measures do, is further push these businesses and our State towards bankruptcy. Surely there must be other options available to deal with the occasional COVID case instead of resorting to perpetual lock-down every time even one case rears its ugly head?

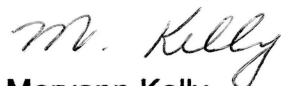
Additional Powers

As for the extra powers proposed by the Bill, unless these proposals considerably ease the burden placed on small businesses and the community (as noted by the number of 'amendment to' clauses) I feel there is more than enough power already handed to an unelected Chief Health Officer.

Why is the Bill going to the Economics and Governance Committee? The Chief Health Officer and the Health Department are being granted these extra powers. Surely this Bill should go to the Health Committee for discussion as COVID is classed primarily as a health crisis, then secondly perhaps as an economic crisis which is mainly caused by the Government's responses and actions.

I hope these comments are taken into consideration during your deliberations.

Yours faithfully



Maryann Kelly

PS I ask everyone I meet or talk to on the phone, if they know of a person who has either, had COVID or died of COVID. This includes quite a number in the Brisbane area and so far the answer has always been 'NO'. Not even ONE! Where and who are all these supposed COVID cases? I have however been told of many cases of adverse effects from the vaccine. Another story, I know but worth a mention.