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Subject: Submission to oppose NEW QUEENSLAND BILL EXTENDS EMERGENCY POWERS TO 30 APRIL 2022
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To whom it may concern,

The proposal to extend QLD's state of emergency powers to April 30th 2022 is one that is truly damaging to our people and our economy. I strongly oppose this bill. As a small business owner of a yoga studio, I have been considered a non-essential business and forced to close my doors with NO compensation for myself or my staff beyond what was given last year such as jobkeeper etc. This is NOT sustainable for any business, let alone a small business like mine.

To take away someone's right to earn a living and provide for their family is criminal. The decision to classify certain businesses and activities as 'non-essential' is based on no factual evidence whatsoever that would suggest such businesses contribute to the spread of Covid-19.

In fact, allowing the continuous sale of tobacco and alcohol only further contributes to the ill health of our people! However, businesses that sell these types of products are considered essential while businesses like mine, which assist people in regaining their health, are forced to shut for no rhyme or reason. How can one stand by and believe that the government's actions are aligned with the health of our people? They aren't and that is obvious.

I oppose the extension of emergency powers and do not consent to such tyrannical measures being taken. These are crimes against humanity.

Thank you for your time,

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