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To: [Economics and Governance Committee](#)
Subject: Submission regarding the new Queensland government bill to extend emergency powers to 30 April 2022
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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to make a submission regarding the paper tabled online on the 16th of June "Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021".

It has been proposed in the bill that the State of Emergency in the state of Queensland will be extended to 30 April 2022. I would like to urge you not to extend the current state of emergency for the following reasons:

1. There is no real state of emergency. The deaths from coronavirus are incredibly low for it to be called a pandemic. For example, in 2017 there were 1,255 deaths from influenza in Australia according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics

(<https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/by%20Subject/3303.0~2017~Main%20Features~Deaths%20due%20to%20influenza~5>).

We have had vaccines from influenza for years and people still die from this disease, but it does not seem to worry anybody. No one ever declared a state of emergency or called it a pandemic, because health officials know it is not a pandemic. In 2020 around 12,000 people died from various respiratory diseases, but their lives do not seem to matter much as long as they haven't died from COVID or it was said that they died with COVID-19 (which means they had other comorbidities). There has been no death certified due to influenza since late July 2020 according to Australian Bureau of Statistics (<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/health/causes-death/provisional-mortality-statistics/latest-release>). Have we eradicated influenza just after the Covid "pandemic" started? Australian excess deaths are also lower than expected according to the ABC report (<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-01-16/deaths-from-respiratory-illnesses-lower-than-usual-amid-covid-19/13041324>).

2. As of 3rd of July 2021, 910 people died from COVID-19 in Australia (statistics for a period over a year since the coronavirus "pandemic" started). Australia had in total 30,734 cases, which means that the death rate is 2.96% overall

(<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/coronavirus-covid-19-current-situation-and-case-numbers>). The number is not higher than any other respiratory virus disease. Therefore, there is no reason to justify a state of emergency in Australia, let alone in Queensland where we had only 7 deaths and 1700 cases.

3. Out of 910 who have died WITH COVID-19 (not necessarily from) 76% were over 80 years old, which puts them in a higher risk category to die not just from COVID-19, but from any other infectious disease.

4. Australians accepted a number of restrictions & violations to their human rights through the following measures such as social distancing, non-essential business shutdowns, interstate & international travel bans, covid-19 testing, curfews, mask mandates and many more. All of these are violations of our constitutional rights and do not appear to be justified based on the health situation in the state and in Australia.

5. There is an increased pressure on Australians to get vaccinated with the experimental vaccines that are only approved for emergency use. Those vaccines are not properly tested and are considered experimental. They cannot be used outside of the state of emergency scenario, hence I believe the Government's intention to extend the state of emergency to keep those vaccines "legal" for use. This is illegal and inhumane. And according to the Australian Biosecurity Act 2015 section 95 "Force must not be used against an individual to require the individual to comply with a biosecurity measure imposed under any of sections 85 to 93". Although the vaccination is not yet compulsory, it is obvious that it is where we are heading towards.

6. Queenslanders (and all Australians) are negatively impacted by these unjustified measures in many different ways including: isolation and its effect on mental health; business closure, job loss, loss of income and inability to provide for the loved ones, separation from family (especially in the case when family members were critically ill and how long it took the Queensland government to approve exemptions or sometimes they did not approve them at all, whilst government officials could travel interstate to see footy games without quarantining for 2 weeks in a hotel), loss of the fundamental human rights such as freedom of speech and movement, censorship and many more. Children suffer from the lack of stability and the effect on their mental health and future development is still to be understood.

7. I want a future where I can leave my home when I choose to, not wear a mask (that does not actually work and it has been scientifically proven. The most recent report on the mask efficacy was broadcast on channel 9 featuring the professor from the Curtin University and the Chief Health Officer of WA. I wonder if Queensland has a different science or our masks are amazingly more protective?). I do not want to be forced to be vaccinated against my will, as a part of a Global Medical Experiment. I would like to be able to travel and see my family when I choose too. The government is elected to serve the people of Australia, not the other way around.

8. Additionally, the government has not been very transparent regarding these extensions. The majority of Queenslanders do not know anything about those extensions. If such important decisions are made, the public need to be made aware and have a chance to contribute to the discussion of the bill.

Therefore I urge you not to extend the state of emergency in the state of Queensland and instead concentrate on building the economy up to the pre-COVID state and improving the quality of life of Queenslanders.

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*Regards,
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