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To: Economics and Governance Committee

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Hon Yvette D'ath MP QLD State Government Brisbane

The temporary measures are pointless and extending the powers ruins lives and livelihoods. We agreed as a country in March 2020 to self isolate and social distance so that our health system could get prepared to handle the impacts of the impending pandemic. We bought over 1,000 hospital beds and ordered over 5,000 ventilators as the equipment we had in stock was insufficient. ScoMo brought together the Premiers and things looked like we would be back on track, living with the virus and those that were most vulnerable could be taken care of should they be struck with the virus.

Then our Annastacia decided to turn the dearth of numbers into a political game and changed the strategy focussing on zero numbers which is lacking in logic but the fear mongering of the press and the limited brain capacity of most of the voting constituents got on board with the rhetoric. It was like a state of origin. So parochial and it has achieved nothing. Just dragged out the inevitable whilst destroying business and creating absolute confusion, especially with the younger generation that believe we are all doomed and there is no future.

Please do not extend the powers of the CHO, stop with the nonsense and let the Federal Government manage the position for the country. We all live in Australia. The imaginary lines that define our state borders shouldn't give the QLD jurisdiction to make bad decisions in the name our health. We were prepared to tackle this virus in May 2020, we have just wasted an entire year. The vaccine won't stop people from getting COVID and it won't stop the spread. The more that is published about the vaccine indicates it's about 50% effective with the 12,000 mutations and the many variants since we'll all been compliantly giving up our freedoms.

Let's be honest... if these decisions were really about our health then the QLD government would have banned smoking back in the 1990's.

Thanks.

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