

**SUBMISSION TO THE QUEENSLAND PARLIMENTARY COMMITTEE ENQUIRY INTO
THE BILL EXTENDING THE EMERGENCY POWERS TO APRIL 30 2022**

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**SUBMISSION: Not extend the emergency powers to April 30 2022 to end the
lockdown strategy as a way of managing the Covid-19 Pandemic**

- The goal of lockdowns by state and federal government was to “flatten the curve”. The governments have successfully achieved this goal thus preventing the health care system to be overwhelmed by Covid-19 patients. In view of this lockdowns cannot continue to be justified. The lockdown strategy is putting in grave danger thousands of people suffering from mental health issues because of loneliness, unemployment, school closures, business closures and interrupted healthcare.

“lockdowns are far more harmful to public health (at least 5–10 times so in terms of wellbeing years) than COVID-19 can be”.¹

We face terrible choices, but the response of lockdowns can be predicted to cause far more loss of population wellbeing than COVID-19 itself can.²

- Therefore, I demand the government **not to extend the emergency powers to April 30 2022** to ensure that the lock-down strategy does not continue. This strategy is failing to meet the cost/benefit ratio test. Instead, and as a matter of urgency, the government must focus on protecting those at high risk and keep our schools and businesses open thus preventing a mental health pandemic.

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