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To Whom It May Concern

I would like to register my concern regarding the proposed Amendment Bill to extend Queensland's State of Emergency until 30 April 2022.

As far as I have been able to tell, no mention of the Bill, its contents or tabling last Wednesday has received a single mention in the media or state legal bodies.

This is surprising. By 30 April 2022, Queenslanders will have been living under 'state of emergency' conditions for more than two years, with every chance the date will be extended yet again, judging on past experience.

This is something that warrants public discussion, if not debate, I would have thought.

From the time Queenslanders were first told we needed a 'short, sharp lockdown' to 'flatten the curve', the Government has released no 'exit strategy' or 'roadmap' for a way out of the current 'emergency' conditions – an 'emergency' which many agree, is starting to look ominously permanent.

Australia was built on democratic principles like the need for public debate, transparency and accountable government.

I would like to see this happening.

These proposed amendments should be made public with an opportunity for the proper functioning of a democratic nation before any changes are passed.

Sincerely

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