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Submission: Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions)  
Amendment Bill 2021

To the Committee,

I am writing this letter as my husband and I would like to express our profound concerns and objections about Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021. This Bill aims to extend emergency powers to the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 which is utterly ridiculous in response to the Covid 19 outbreak. The Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021 grants the Chief Health Officer Dr Jeannette Young a broad range of powers. These powers included the ability to impose restrictions on the Queenslanders, their ability to travel, conduct a business, children to attend schools, sporting activities, church activities, as well as powers to issue mandates on wearing a mask, social distancing rules, border closures, quarantine mandates, lockdowns and the number of persons that can gather in a group.

Queensland has had very few Covid19 cases and there has only been 1 death due to Covid 19 in the whole of Australia in 2021 thus far. This virus was meant to be treated as a bad cold as stated by Scott Morrison in March 2020. Australian's have gone from 2 weeks of flattening the curve to over zealous and nervous Chief Health Officers including Queensland's own Dr Jeanette Young imposing face masks, restrictions, lock downs, restrictions on groups and denying people seeing their loved ones. The people of Queensland especially children have been subjected to an uncertain and restrictive life for over a year now and still suffering needlessly. People in this state have lost family members and not even allowed to say good bye because of these disproportionated restrictions. These emergency powers are just being thrown around like confetti with no regard to what is best for Queenslanders, their families

or their businesses. By the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2022, Queenslanders will have been living under the 'State of Emergency for more than 2 years, which could be even extended again and again with no sense of normality ever returning with citizens doomed to live in a state of restrictions. Queenslanders have had enough of these State of Emergency Powers we do not want our civil liberties, our rights to live and travel restricted for a virus that has a 99.96% survival rate. There has been one death in the whole of Australia this year this is not a pandemic and shouldn't be treated as one anymore. Queenslanders were told that our state needed a 'short, sharp lockdown' to flatten the curve and now more than a year later the State of Emergency is being extended yet again. There is no State of Emergency so why the need to extend these powers? Queenslanders are frustrated, drained and tired of living a restricted life. The government has not released an exit strategy or roadmap it just keeps extending The State Emergency with no justification. This is an attack on our civil liberties and rights to travel, to live freely and to live without restrictions. Queensland cannot just live in a State of Emergency because this is the only way that the Government and Chief Health Officer can deal with the virus. There has to be a clear road map back to normality and Queenslanders want to take charge of their own health and live in freedom. My husband and I strongly object Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021 and implore that our submission be read and supported.

Yours sincerely,  
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