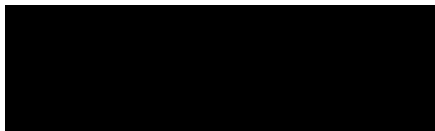


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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this submission to show a stand of disapproval to a three main amendments within the Public Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021. I have a few point reasons in this letter, explaining why I do not support these, and those reasons are as follow...

INCREASED POWER TO EMERGENCY OFFICERS AND THE CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER ON MOVEMENT, INTERACTIONS ECT...

- I do not support the amendment to increase powers of Emergency Officers and the Chief Health Officer, as these authorities already have an ample number of powers over the people of Australia. Given any more powers, the rights and freedoms that us as human beings are and should always be entitled to will be at great risk of being taken away, and a thin line being crossed. I also don't believe that those of Authority will always in whole have the people of Australia's best interest at heart, rather have other agendas behind their actions, which are not always obvious and/or clear.
- The powers in which Emergency Officers and The Chief Health Officer hold in a State of Emergency are in a great deal quite frightening. It has seen people divided, without family/friends, losing out on special events, and in quite sad situations people have lost their loved ones without being able to see them before this time, or honour them after their passing. To extend the Bill and continue giving the powers to allow these measures to be taken, can and will have a massive effect on the economy, people's livelihoods, mental health and wellbeing of Australians. To an extent, however, some of these measures are appropriate, such as physical distancing, but most which have been used in the past year and a bit are unnecessary and causing uncertainty and fear within communities wanting to continue life as normal as possible.

AUTHORISATION TO SHARE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FOR CONTACT TRACING

- I do not support the amendment extension to authorise the sharing of confidential information for contact tracing. Under the Privacy Act 1988, each individual has the right to deny sharing their personal information. This should stay the same, and no individual should be forced to give their personal information. Currently there is a threat to those who don't share their information with organisations, which is wrong and needs to be stopped. This amendment extension would only carry on the nonsense of those being threatened to give out their personal information.

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ENCOURAGE COMPLIANCE WITH QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS, BORDER RESTRICTIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIONS BY PROVIDING APPROPRIATE PENALTIES FOR CONTRAVENTIONS

- I strongly do not support this amendment as the rules, regulations, requirements and restrictions under the Public Health Authorities are not always valid or appropriate and can be thrown way out of line. For the massive survival rate of 99.7 % of which the Covid 19 has, the measures made by the Public Health Authorities are blown way out of proportion and generally unnecessary to put the general public through. I do however support measures taken to care for those most vulnerable to covid 19, as long as the individual is happy to partake in these measures taken for them. However, putting everybody in the same box is not a way of getting through/past this “pandemic”.
 - Those who are not vulnerable shouldn’t be forced to comply and/ or be threatened penalties if they are to not wear a face mask. It should be entirely up to the individual whether they would like to “protect” themselves by wearing a mask out in the community. Here are a few points proving the lack of positive effect the wearing of face masks has. The following evidence clearly shows the inadequacy and inappropriateness of the face mask mandate.
1. Jenny Harries, deputy chief medical officer in the UK has commented saying the mask could “actually trap the virus” and cause the person wearing it to breathe it in. SOURCE: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/5/19-0994_article
 2. In May 2020 a meta-study on pandemic influenza published by the US CDC found that a face mask had no effect, neither as a personal protective equipment nor as a source of control. SOURCE: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/5/19-0994_article
 3. A Danish randomised controlled trial with 6000 participants published in the Annals of Internal Medicine in November 2020, found no statistically significant effect of high-quality medical face masks against SARS-CoV-2 infection in a community setting. SOURCE: <https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M20-6817>

The points listed above clearly prove that face masks don’t have significant statistics protecting someone from contracting covid 19. It is unreasonable to force every individual to wear one. It is indescribably horrifying and wrong on many levels that people are being threatened and fed fear by the government and media that if they are to not wear a mask, that they will be penalised by law, over something that statistically doesn’t have enough backing to prove any big effectiveness. As mentioned in the first paragraph of this point, it should be up to the individual whether they want to wear a face mask or not. It should NOT be forced upon individuals and there should NOT be penalties to those who decide against.



- Another reason why I do not support the extension or the increase of power to the State of Emergency is the havoc it is having on small businesses, and the economy in general in Australia. With the countless border closures, lockdowns and restrictions placed in Queensland under the State of Emergency, it has and is continuing to massively hurt our economy and tourism.
- My last reason as to why I am not in support of the SOE to be extended and to be given greater powers, is so that every individual is not felt to be under any obligation/force to take an unsafe (not correctly tested for human) vaccination that has the same survival rate as the “virus” it has supposedly been created to prevent you from. It should be up to the individual to decide whether they would like to partake in an experimental vaccination with very little testing without being stripped of their freedoms or basic life entitlements. With the extension of this SOE it is allowing those in authority to take extreme/unreasonable and frankly unfair measures to persuade and trap individuals into getting the vaccination without any repercussions. This is basic human rights being taken away in plain sight.