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To: [Economics and Governance Committee](#)
Subject: Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021
Submission
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a citizen of Australia and a resident of Queensland and I am writing to express my absolute opposition to the proposed Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provision) Amendment Bill 2021. The state of emergency powers that have existed in Queensland thus far have been unconstitutional to say the least, and illegal at worst. They have been a disproportionate response to the threat against us, from a virus that has been identified by many leading immunologists and specialists as a form of influenza, and which has a recovery rate higher than that of influenza. Yet the overuse of mandatory powers and lockdowns have brought much higher levels of suicide, loneliness, societal disconnection and financial trauma to the people of Queensland and Australia. This is absolutely unacceptable! According to the survival rate of this virus, we are NOT in a pandemic. We are not in an emergency, and I denounce the use of fear within the media and the government to try to control and coerce people to take a vaccination that is still in trial phase and which many leading medical and even vaccination creation experts around the world are vocalising grave concern for and are calling for an immediate end to using. How dare the Queensland government not listen to these cautions and continue headlong on an agenda of coercion and control for the people of Queensland.

Let me remind you that you - the government of Queensland, including all MP's and staff - work for US, the people of this state and nation! We did not give permission for emergency powers to be taken in the first place, neither do we give our permission now. Therefore, as we live in a democratic society, you can expect that we will not submit to expectations and 'mandates' placed on us if you decide to ignore the opposition of the Queensland people and proceed with extending powers that you were never granted public permission to have. Why should we recognise something that is unconstitutional, and is a blatant violation of our national Biosecurity Act (2015), the Privacy Act (1988), the International Bill of Human Rights, and the Nuremberg Code (1947)? No amount of 'interpretation' of this proposed bill or of the bills accepted in the past which have led to Queensland to be under emergency powers in the first place, can argue that it lines up with these pieces of legislation and global standards. I would highly encourage every one of you who are coming together to debate bills, to seek legal counsel on this matter, because at the end of this whole situation, there is going to be a calling to account for the decisions made by those in governmental positions. As history has shown us, there will a price to pay for those who did not do their research and made coercive decisions against the will of the Queensland and Australian people, and there will also be a price to pay for those who blatantly participated in treason against the Queensland and Australian people. This is an unconstitutional, illegal bill and should be treated as such.

In addition, I absolutely challenge that in the midst of a democratic society, one person can have such a direct influence on decision making for an entire state. The extraordinary powers of the Chief Health Officer, Dr Jeannette Young, have not been given to her democratically or constitutionally. She has never been voted for by the people of Queensland, and therefore she legally and constitutionally does not have the right to determine direction for the people of Queensland.

We – you and I – have freedom in this nation because many people paid the ultimate price for us

to have it. Our soldiers have shed their blood and given their lives so that we be free, and you want to take that freedom away from us and spit in the face of every soldier who has ever died for this nation? If that is the case, you are not worthy to live in this nation.

I call on those who are actually in their governmental position for the pure motivation of serving the people and the state, to do the right thing by the Queensland people, and by your own integrity. You know this is wrong. The ANZAC spirit is in you and I call on you to defend the freedoms that others have died to give us. As a friend of mine recently shared,

FREEDOM IS THE GIFT THAT COST SOMEONE EVERYTHING.

It's time to stop trying to steal our freedom, because the people of Queensland and Australia will not let it go.

Yours sincerely

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