

To whom it may concern,

I am hopeful that you have received many of these submissions but I will add mine for effect in the hope that my ability to continue participating in our economy and society is not impeded further.

The proposal to extend QLD's state of emergency powers to April 30th 2022 is one that is truly damaging to my business our people and our economy. I strongly oppose this bill. As a small business owner of a gym, I have been considered a non-essential business and forced to close my doors with NO compensation beyond what was given last year such as jobkeeper etc. This is NOT sustainable for any business, let alone a small business like mine.

To take away someone's right to earn a living and provide for their family seems wrong and counter productive to the idea of doing what is best for everyone. The decision to classify certain businesses and activities as 'non-essential' is based on no factual evidence whatsoever that would suggest such businesses contribute to the spread of Covid-19.

Unfortunately the sale of tobacco and alcohol was able to continue where these products only further contribute to the ill health of our people. At the same time businesses that sell these types of products are considered essential while businesses like mine, which assist people in regaining their health, are forced to shut. It is difficult to not perceive some insidious bureaucratic agenda. How can we observe this and believe that the government's actions are aligned with the health of our people?

The current situation makes it increasingly difficult to see a future in small business so I emphatically oppose the extension of emergency powers.

Thank you for your time,

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