

**Submission to committee Inquiry:**

**RE: The Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021.**

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I am writing to express my concerns with regards to the state of emergency extensions happening every 90 days in Queensland. Although this information is public, it seems suspicious that it is never reported or that the reasons for extension are not transparent.

My issues are:

- Every 90 days we have an 'outbreak' of Covid-19 and require a 'circuit-breaker' lockdown
- During these lockdowns, the government extends the 'state of emergency' bill giving extraordinary powers to the CHO.
- These extensions are always made in the background of a fear campaign during an 'outbreak' which causes a lockdown.
- These extensions, and the reasons for the extensions are never reported in the media.
- Stephen Andrew MP for Mirani, reported that on June 18 2021, Health Minister Yvette D'Ath tabled a new bill to extend emergency powers beyond 90 days until the end of April 2022, about a week before we saw new community cases, and 11 days before we locked down on June 29 2021. June 29 2021 was also the end of the State Of Emergency period. What a coincidence!

The main reason being discussed for these extensions from what little information is out there, is due to the vaccines available not having the usual 1, 3 and 5 year data. As Covid-19 is new to us all, it is completely understandable to me that we would need these bills in place in order to vaccinate the public against the virus in order to go back to some form of normality.

I feel that if the Queensland Government and Queensland Health were to explain their reasoning for State Of Emergency extensions, the majority of citizens would be very understanding.

Why can't these bills be extended without a lockdown?

Why do we lockdown with 2 cases of community transmission, yet reopen with 5 cases?

Why are there restrictions on almost every aspect of life except for sporting events?

Why did this recent lockdown only apply to a very small amount of businesses? I didn't notice very many closures at all. How is JB HiFi essential?

I am not denying the existence of Covid-19. I am not an "Anti – Vaxxer" and I am a law abiding, hard-working, tax paying citizen. I have had my first shot and am booked for my second. The people are losing faith in our Government with so many double standards and misleading information. Honesty and solid communication goes a long way.

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