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To whom it may concern,

I would like to strongly object to the Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021 extending the Public Health Emergency Response measures from 30 September 2021 to 30 April 2022.

There has only been one Covid death this year. To me, this indicates the extreme measures of the Public Health Emergency Response are no longer essential. While all deaths are tragic, there are far higher causes of death, including 35 women, children and men to domestic violence - yet where is the action on that?

On the other hand, according to the TGA's own report - there have been 335 deaths following vaccine. I understand they blame comorbidities for the majority, and only confirm 2 deaths from the vaccine to date. But that is TWICE as many as deaths from Covid. Bear in mind, vaccine injury is voluntary, the numbers are likely higher. In the case of Covid deaths, comorbidities were excluded as the cause of death. To me, this is skewed accounting - if they are included in one, they should be included in the other. I personally know of several people who ended up in hospital straight after the vaccine. One of them told me that all four beds in the cardiac unit she ended up in had ALL just had the vaccination. They were all told it was "not to do with the vaccine" but the rate of coincidence is getting unbelievably high. It seems to me the vaccine is of greater concern than the virus at this stage, but neither warrant extended emergency powers.

Just last week, the Prime Minister announced the pathway to recovery moving from a phase of suppressing Covid to managing it like other infectious diseases. Singapore is already leading the way forward. To extend the PHER measures is to go against this announcement and intention.

Furthermore, the measures do not compensate for the many many detrimental events, loss of income, increase in cancer deaths and diabetes (ABS stats), increase in mental health problems, deterioration in the elderly, the cruelty of many dying without being able to have their loved ones with them and more, much more. My own mother's condition has deteriorated dramatically due to the lockdowns and not being able to go to hospital exercise classes etc, nor go shopping... I do not believe the true consequences of the lockdowns etc will be known for a long time, but I believe they outweigh the actions taken - especially at this point in time.

I admit to there being a couple of short periods of time where the emergency measures MAY have been required, but not ongoing, and certainly not this year. To continue them would be to tip the balance into detriment.

I note in the ABS stats that respiratory illness related deaths reduced - but some would say that indicated a "swap". In 2017, there were 1255 deaths due to Influenza according to the ABS. Many more than from Covid, yet no emergency measures.

I understand the death rate MAY have been higher without the extreme measures, but that is not certain. Sadly, many of the deaths were in elderly people, whose experience was made worse by being unable to have their loved ones with them. I am not convinced the loss of connection and support on an ongoing basis has outweighed the

measures taken. Not to mention all those grieving because they were unable to be with their parents and loved ones at the time of their deaths/need.

In short, I do not agree to the extension of the PHER measures. I believe we are no longer in a state of emergency and they should be stopped now.

Sincerely,

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