

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Economics and Governance Committee](#)
Subject: Bill extending the Public Health Emergency Response measures from 30 September 2021 to 30 April 2022.
Date: Tuesday, 6 July 2021 11:40:00 AM

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have grave concerns about this Bill for the following reasons

1) Why was this Bill not referred to the relevant committee?

(The Bill was referred to the Health Committee by the Minister in the Speech, however it appears the Bill did not go to the Health Committee, of which I am a member, but appears instead on the list for the Economics and Governance Committee)

2) Why was there no mention in the media about this Bill?

What is the Government trying to hide? This State has been under State Of Emergency conditions for over a year already with no plan or roadmap out of it. Is this going to be a permanent situation? It looks like it by the tabling of this extension.

3) These measures under the SOE are looking more and more like dictatorship and totalitarian control of the Queenslanders. We live in a free society the last time I looked however those freedoms are being eroded bit by bit.

(These powers include the ability to impose restrictions on the free movement of citizens, their ability to travel, conduct a business, attend school, church or sport, as well as the power to issue mandates on mask wearing, social distancing rules, the numbers of persons who can gather at any one time, border closures, area lockdowns and quarantine mandates).

4) The ruining of small business and the mental state of many, especially the young people in our society. Governments are elected and paid very handsomely to serve the people NOT dictate what can & can't be done and especially since we are responsible for our own health. No-one in the Public Service has lost a day's pay since this pandemic was declared. People working for themselves have been driven to the wall financially & mentally.

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Have a wonderful day :-)