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To: [Economics and Governance Committee](#)
Subject: Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021
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To Whom it may concern,

This is my submission against the Public Health and Other Legislation amendment Bill as I strongly disagree with many points, in particular the below clause.

- increased powers for emergency officers and the Chief Health Officer to impose restrictions on the movement and interactions of persons, facilitate contact tracing, and enforce quarantine requirements"

This needs to be removed as it violates basic human rights. I have studied A degree in Health Science in Public Health at QUT in 1998-2000 where I was one of the top students awarded into the Golden Key Honorary Society for being in the top 10% of my degree. I have since worked in Human Rights for 20 years. If you continue to go ahead with these restrictions and violations of basic human rights here in Australia, you are further oppressing the citizens.

The World Health Organization (of which we studied in our degree) and the late World Leading Epidemiologist - Donald Henderson who abolished small pox, both stated (in the cited articles below), that lockdowns and quarantines are ineffective:

"In 2006 the World Health Organisation commissioned a review of the evidence for "non-pharmaceutical interventions" from previous flu pandemics from the 1910s, 1950s and 1960s.

It's surprising reading.

The WHO states in their document:

"During the pandemic period, the focus shifts to delaying spread and reducing effects through population-based measures. Ill persons should remain home when they first become symptomatic, but forced isolation and quarantine are ineffective and impractical."

Reference: Nonpharmaceutical Interventions for Pandemic Influenza, National and Community Measures <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3291415/>

This wasn't a freak WHO report. One of the great epidemiologists of the 20th century, the late Donald Henderson, argued, also in 2006, that "large scale quarantine" — universal stay at home orders — were "so extreme ... they should be eliminated from serious consideration".

Henderson's speciality was smallpox, a lot more contagious and lethal than this latest coronavirus. "Communities faced with epidemics ... respond best and with the least anxiety when the normal social functioning of the community is least disrupted," he wrote, "Strong political and public health leadership to provide reassurance and to ensure that needed medical care services are provided are critical elements. If either is seen to be less than

optimal, a manageable epidemic could move toward catastrophe.” -

Reference: Disease Mitigation Measures in the Control of Pandemic Influenza ☐

<http://www.upmc-biosecurity.org/website/resources/publications/2006/2006-09-15-diseasemitigationcontrolpandemicflu.html>

And again another article where the Reserve Bank of Australia Governor Philip Lowe supports living with COVID as a more prudent option than trying to “eliminate it” in the Australian article titled “We should Kiss these lockdowns goodbye”

“Also Reports from many countries indicate that mandatory case reporting and isolating patients during the pandemic of 1918 didn't stop virus transmission and were impractical,” said the authors, a collection of top advisers from government scientific bodies in the US, Britain, Australia, Sweden and Switzerland.

“Aggressive interventions to isolate patients and quarantine contacts, even if they are the first patients detected, would probably be ineffective, not a good use of limited health resources, and social disruptive,” they continued.

Reference: “We Should Kiss these Lockdowns goodbye”

<https://www.theaustralian.com.au/commentary/coronavirus-we-should-kiss-these-lockdowns-goodbye/news-story/61ef8a4b068abf59ada7d7a6140e036f>

Let’s make Australia free and great again....we are a democracy, not a communistic fascist country, but it is fast approaching one. Go out and speak to the man on the street and interview him as I have done, this is what they are saying one for one, that Australia is no longer a free democratic country, but has become communistic due to the oppressive Governmental control. Please fix this....we should be proud Australian’s not living in fear or oppression.

Yours sincerely,

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