From:
To: Economics and Governance Committee

Subject: Submission on Extension of Public Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021

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Committee Secretary, Economics & Governance Committee Parliament House George Street Brisbane Qld 4000

To Whom It Concerns,

I oppose the extension, from 30th September 2021 to 30th April 2022, of the Public Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021.

This extension was tabled on 16th June, conveniently with the "budget week" distraction, and did not rate a mention in the media, as far as I am aware.

Incrementally, our civil liberties are being removed. Queenslanders were initially told that a short, sharp lockdown was required to "flatten the curve." Yet, here we are. There has been no road map or exit strategy released to the public, explaining a way out of the current "emergency" situation. In my conversations with friends and colleagues, most agree this "emergency" is likely to become permanent.

As a voter, I am paying close attention to the treatment of healthy Queenslanders by a heavy handed and increasingly dictatorial government. When I last checked, Australia is still a democracy, embracing the principles of free speech and the need for public debate, transparency and accountable government.

Thank you for your time.

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