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To: [Economics and Governance Committee](#)
Subject: Submission on Extension of State of Emergency
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I am writing this submission in response to the proposal that the Public Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill tabled by the Minister of Health on the 16th June 2021 extend the State of Emergency to 30th April 2022.

I object to this amendment on the basis that

1. The powers given to the Chief Medical Officer are far too wide-spread and the restrictions she has imposed in the past have been much too severe and with insufficient consideration given to the economy and personal human rights or even reasonable compassion. Knee jerk reactions to the occasional case have not been for the public good.
2. There are no scientific studies presented which have shown that masks provide any real protection against viruses or do not pose a risk to health.
3. We have been in this State of Emergency long enough to 'flatten the curve.' It is time we as a country were able to get on with life and let our natural immunity look after our health as best it can.
4. The repeated restrictions on visiting rights to Aged Care facilities has caused immeasurable suffering to those in care and their families.
5. There has been no public consultation on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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