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Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021

Submission

I am a long time resident of Queensland. I have a double degree in Arts and Science with triple majors in;

1. Sustainability Science,
2. Sustainable Society,
3. Sociology.

Also including minors in Futures Studies and Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation. I have extensive knowledge and study of the interactions of society, the environment and what this means for the future. I currently work in research and am writing this to urge you to think about the course of these actions before passing such bills that will erode human rights, create major public dissent, increasing polarisation, as well as psychological, emotional and physical damage to people and property.

It is my view the Bill should not be supported and herewith oppose the Amendment Bill 2021.

Primary reason for this view is the mounting evidence of cheap, safe and effective medication being available for both treatment of COVID19 infection and COVID19 prophylaxis¹.

This medication, Ivermectin, has been in use for more than 40 years and 3.7 billion doses have been administered. This medication is on the list of essential medication of the WHO and is out of Patent. In 2015 the Nobel Prize was awarded to the discoverers of Ivermectin for its development².

On June the 17th 2021, The American Journal of Therapeutics published a Cochrane standard peer reviewed meta-analysis of Ivermectin for Prevention and Treatment of COVID19 Infection (research paper provided in pdf).

Conclusions of Cochrane standard peer reviewed meta-analysis have never been overturned³.

Key findings⁴:

- **Ivermectin prophylaxis reduced COVID19 infection by an average of 86%.**
- **Treatment with Ivermectin reduced the risk of death by an average of 62% compared to no Ivermectin treatment (meta-analysis of 15 trials, assessing 2438 participants).**

A further summary of research data on Ivermectin, 60 studies to date, (of over 18.900 patients) is given on the website <https://ivmmeta.com/>. Similar positive outcomes for the use of Ivermectin for Treatment and Prophylaxis are presented. A copy of the data of this website is included for your perusal.

The UK and USA have adopted medication for COVID19 treatment on the basis of 1 study with lower percentages of positive outcomes (see Supporting documents 3., "Table 1: Evidence base used for other COVID Treatments"). The overwhelming number of Ivermectin studies with positive outcomes for treatment and prevention should make this drug a key component of Queensland's Health Response.

Widespread adoption of Ivermectin as part of the pandemic response should render the need for a further extension beyond the current Queensland's declared public health emergency until the 27th of September 2021 unnecessary.

Yours Faithfully,

Your Name

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Supporting Documents:

1. American Journal of therapeutics, June 17th 2021: “Ivermectin for Prevention and Treatment of COVID-19 Infection: A Systemic Review, Meta-analysis, and Trial Sequential Analysis to Inform Clinical Guidelines.”

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3. Table 1. Evidence base used for other COVID-19 approvals

References:

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- ³ <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/how-to-save-the-world-in-three-easy-steps/id1471581521?i=1000525032595> : between 1:26:30 and 2:03:00 by Steve Kirsch CEO COVID-19 Early Treatment Fund: <https://www.treatearly.org/team/steve-kirsch>
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