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RE: QUEENSLAND BILL TO EXTEND EMERGENCY  
POWERS TO 30 APRIL 2022 – OPPOSE

To the Committee Security and Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to submit my vehement opposition to the Qld Bill to extend emergency powers to 30 April 2022.

It is my genuine belief that SOE is being abused by Qld Government to the detriment of Queenslanders.

Disrespect and Petty Fighting between Qld and Federal Govts –  
No Confidence:

First and foremost, we are Australian. The conflicting advice and petty arguments between Queensland Government and Federal Government is distressing, worrisome and only creating serious divide in society.

The constant attacking of the Federal Govt is a show of Qld wanting total control over the state. We voted Federal Govt in too. This only shows there is no trust between the two governing bodies and only results in Queenslanders being confused, used, abused and being victimized in the constant power plays that do not serve us, the people, directly.

Inconsistencies from the beginning and getting more blatant and offensive to Qld people and small businesses.

Major sporting events allowed to happen:

Eg. State of Origin went ahead and not 12 hours later, we were placed into lockdown for two (2) cases of Covid. We were let out of lockdown on the day we got five (5) cases overnight, which was the total amount we'd gotten over the three day lockdown. Not coincidentally, a world Rugby game is to be held two days later, when Qld venues are only allowed to operate at One (1) person per 4 sqm.

Constant borders being slammed shut to Australian states with minimal or no cases, causing unfathomable grief and loss to families and businesses.

Do as I say not as I do:

Not allowed out of the state without having to pay for quarantine for 14 days for the better part of 2020 and 2021. Holiday in our

state was the push. Yet, the very week of borders opening to NSW, Steven Miles was holidaying in NSW.

Pushing for the vaccine, yet Annastacia Palaszczuk had to be shamed into having hers. The excuses were poor and transparent and unacceptable.

Thousands of Queenslanders are losing wages, as our jobs now are casual. Lockdowns mean no wages. And there is no support for week long lockdowns. None. Businesses lose stock, staff, income, etc. It's devastating. All this while Qld Govt continue getting paid and even a pay increase!

No Deaths:

There have been zero (0) deaths to Covid in 2020. The one that is listed, was an overseas person brought here specifically to die – well documented and televised.

The Delta strain, although infectious, is not as deadly. The virus is mutating and becoming weaker with every mutation. Well documented and televised and advised by all Govt Health Officers (in between the scare-mongering to try to cover that up).

Loss of Freedoms:

We understand the SOE enables state governments to retain control and impose rule that are against the Australian Constitution.

The loss of freedom to move between states.

The loss of freedom to choose to have a vaccination that has yet to finish clinical trials. Why not make it mandatory in 2023/24 when more is known?

The loss of freedom of being outdoors.

The loss of freedom to see family and friends.

The loss of freedom to be with a loved one in hospital to provide comfort.

The loss of freedom to work, open our businesses, etc.

The loss of freedom to breathe fresh air outdoors by being made to wear a mask where social distancing is obvious and happening.

I object to the extension of SEO as it is obviously now unnecessary for the safety of the people and only about state government retaining the power to impose the above-listed loss of freedoms.

The rest of the world is relaxing and learning to live with the virus. Even if countries like the UK have 85% of the population vaccinated, the unvaccinated numbers are still almost equal to our

entire population in Australia.

Thank you. Please, I actually beg of you, to consider the objections I know you are receiving. They are legitimate and worth noting and acting upon.

The people have had enough and the unrest that will ensue will surely not be worth the State Govt holding unnecessary powers that are being abused.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to a positive outcome for Queenslanders and Australians alike.

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