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To The Committee Secretary
Economics and Governance Committee

I oppose the **Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021** to extend the State of Emergency in Queensland for the following reasons;

1. To date there have been 7 deaths related to the “virus”, within the population of Queensland, as the estimated number is at 5.18 million, it would suggest that the deaths are such a small percentage how can we justify the need for legislation that can enforce such extreme measures; that allow for mandates, such as the removal of our constitutional rights to work, gather with loved ones and move freely within our country. I understand the need to respond to the community safety, however the numbers just don’t add up. Yes, we need to use our common sense and wash our hands, stay home if unwell with a cold or flu, use etiquette when coughing and sneezing, but the measures you are wanting to use are just not medically, economically or socially warranted considering the probability of risk. This Bill is unlawful and unjust, please do not pass it on as legislation.

2. The wearing of masks has not ever been proven to protect us from the contraction of illness, the information is inconclusive and therefore should not be “mandated” as a requirement for movement in the community. The harm is however clear, unjustified restrictions of individual rights, financial waste, ecological impact and increase in social inequalities. As I watch and am informed on situations where people are vilified, arrested and have their rights removed for not wearing a mask, I suggest the emergency is not the “virus” but the response to it! I have been a witness to instances where adults are reporting members of the public, business owners and young people who are completely healthy, at no risk to the community, yet subsequently arrested and treated unfairly, discriminated against for their personal beliefs or mental health choices. Even young children are judging people who do not wear a mask. By all means wear one if makes you feel safe, but to enforce this is discriminatory and promotes unnecessary alienation and judgement of others. The ECDC states “the use of face masks in the community could be considered only as a complimentary measure,” to do otherwise is intrusive and unjustified. The trauma being experienced by a large number of people cannot be measured until we see the research, however, as a teacher I have already seen the impact on our young people, I myself have serious concerns about how I will treated when I use my freedom and try to go about my life without a mask. Let alone what is now occurring with the push for the experimental injection as a requirement to work, and now required in a passport to travel, interstate.

3. Mandates being treated as law. The actions of a number of officials, in our law enforcement and medical fields are criminal and will not be ignored. These legislative amendments are a direct opposition to the laws we were at one time given the right with which to voice an opinion. The changing of legislation without giving the public an ability to be involved in the decision-making process is hardly democratic. Where is the referendum now? You are our delegates, voted by the people and given the responsibility to act in our best interests. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Your decision to act against your public is against our constitution, we do not consent to the treatment of our most vulnerable in the manner of which is currently being undertaken, nor the treatment of those who wish to use their right to freedom of speech or right to choose to wear a mask. To suggest that we must have an experimental vaccine, to allow us freedoms we and our family have the right to enjoy, is not only a breach of all that you should stand for it is shameful to say the least.

Yours sincerely
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