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

There are several issues to be raised with this bill not the least which may be of future concern regarding the appointment of the current Chief Health Officer to the position of Governor.

I believe this is a gross conflict of interest for the public and presents a new weak point in the legislative process. I believe there would be bias towards any further extensions of this Bill at the expiry date.

The following are points of concern;

- *Increased powers for emergency officers and the Chief Health Officer to impose restrictions on the movement and interactions of persons, facilitate contact tracing, and enforce quarantine requirements.*

This particular provision appears to be fluid in the eyes of the government and a blatant misuse of power. There have been a multitude of instances in which social distancing, masks, covid-safe venue capacities, and personal quarantine requirements have been flagrantly disregarded or contradicted. Particularly when heightened social or economic status is involved.

I then motion towards the enormous cost of hotel quarantine in which ordinary people are for to pay exorbitant amounts of money for sub-par living conditions over several weeks. A free government provided quarantine would be far more amicable. There have already been enormous (temporary) bumps in (Centrelink) support payments for people that were already on them when the pandemic began. There appears to be a double standard with zero direction.

How can the general public lay idle in the face of classist abuse of power? Let alone the politicians we elect to speak and act **for us**.

- Modified notification requirements (allowing electronic notification) for certain proposals for community consultation or for the issuing of notices for individuals.

I believe that this provision is opening the door to exploitation of proper process. This could relate to anything from serving legal documentation to appealing to the public for objections regarding new construction, resource acquisition and zoning that may be of impact or detriment to the general community.

It is not in the best interest of the public to allow this to happen/ continue happening. This appears on the surface to be basic though it may carry far greater implications. For decades shady land deals and environmental blunders have been perpetuated by sneaky legislation and bad politicians with their hands deep in the pockets of mining and construction companies.

Enough is enough.