

To members of the Legislative Assembly:

We are writing to you to voice our concerns about the proposed *Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021*.

This bill has the hallmarks of a government that is capitalizing on health-induced fears to sneak into legislation harsh and unconscionable anti-democratic measures to coerce and control. This is not the sort of government that the trade unionists had in mind back in the 1880s when they were pushing for parliamentary representation. It is not the sort of government that we see in major democratic parts of the world at the present time where there is an ever-increasing relaxation of restrictions.

Certainly there is widespread confusion – emanating from conflicting views within the health community, political expedience and blame-shifting, mainstream media complicity with the big pharmaceuticals, social media and Big Tech manipulation. The attempt in this bill to remove personal freedoms and privacy merely raises another ‘red flag’ in relation to the integrity of a government that mouths the mantra “Keeping Queenslanders Safe.” Really??

Please allow for more open community discussion of and debate on real facts rather than moving in a direction of censorship and compulsion. If we as Queenslanders are prepared to give widespread powers to public servants, why then do we have any need for elected parliamentarians?

Yours faithfully,
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