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To: [Economics and Governance Committee](#)
Subject: Public Health Act Amendments
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Good afternoon,

As a voting member of the community I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed amendments to the Public Health Act.

In no uncertain terms do I agree with any increase of government powers in relation to the Health Act. I do not agree that emergency officers, nor the Chief Health Officer require further powers to restrict our daily lives to enforce physical distancing, restrict our movements, restrict who we can and can not spend our time with nor quarantine or isolate us in any way.

In no uncertain terms do I agree with the proposal authorising additional departments to share our personal information in the name of 'contact tracing'. This is a blatant violation of the privacy act and an invasion of your citizens private lives.

In no uncertain terms do I agree with the proposed amendments to this Health Act to further 'encourage compliance' with quarantine requirements, border restrictions and other public health directions by providing punitive measures and penalties for contraventions. What does 'encourage compliance' even mean? This is in clear violation of, again, the Privacy Act and the Bio Security Act.

In no uncertain terms do I agree with the proposed changes to allow for any increase of the period for which a regulation may extend a declared public health emergency.

Your citizens deserve and demand transparency that includes ALL the data, scientific and medical statistics on which any of your 'restrictions' and decisions are based, including how that data and those statistics were garnered and how they are being interpreted. Anything less is Orwellian and sheer arrogance.

We need competent leaders at this time, not elected leaders who continually defer their decisions to non-elected bureaucrats who then have the 'power' to Lord it over the population and micro-manage every aspect of their lives; this does not make for a free, democratic society. History tells us that governments who take away their citizens' freedoms in the name of keeping them 'safe' are also loath to give them back when a perceived 'threat' has ended; PLEASE do not become that Government.

Regards,

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