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I am writing to **voice my concerns** regarding the consequences this extension will have on our democratic way of life.

Queenslanders cannot, and indeed do not need to, continue to be ruled (essentially) by a dictatorship. The consequences have been absolutely devastating on some small businesses, the economy, many individuals, marriages, and families. Speaking to a local businesses in our area and there are a lot of small business just hanging in there by a thread. The financial burdens are putting too much pressure on people's mental health. I have spoken to person after person who are suffering because of these unnecessary measures, personal accounts of hardship, devastation, and severely negatively consequences of the current 'state of emergency' powers.

Queenslanders must be allowed to move forward in life with confidence and stability. Lastly, I'll just highlight once again, some very relevant info that may help you get this whole situation in perspective. Why do the Government think they need to extend their emergency powers for a virus that has a GLOBAL death rate (less in Australia) of less than the season flu?!!!!

The World Health Organisation's published data as at 3/7/2021, reports that only 2% of all global COVID-19 cases have ended in death. Total global confirmed COVID-19 cases are 182,319,261. The death total from these confirmed cases is 3,954,324. That is 2.17%! In Australia, our percentage is far lower, and of course, if you discount all the deaths that occurred in people who died WITH COVID-19, not FROM COVID-19, the percentage is under 0.5%. This data was collected by myself from the WHO website. I am not making this up or getting it from a 'misinformation' website.

I implore you to consider my email as an Australia Citizen, Queensland resident and small business owner. I am against our QLD Government extending their emergency powers until the end of April 2022.

Yours sincerely
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