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To: [Economics and Governance Committee](#)
Subject: The Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021
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Committee Secretary Economics and Governance Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Committee Secretary,

Please consider this a formal submission for the above Bill, which I oppose in it's current form.

This Bill requires a much greater level of public disclosure, discussion and scrutiny, in order to align with the constitutional democratic principles of our nation and state..

I object that the Bill was not referred to the Health Committee but to the Economics and Governance Committee on the 16th June 2021. This is inappropriate, considering that this Bill consists of imposing restrictions on the free movements of citizens, mandates on mask wearing, social distancing rules, border closures, and area lockdowns and quarantine mandates, purportedly for the sole purpose of "public health".

The Bill in its current form will extend Queensland's 'State of Emergency' powers and measures into a third year. I object to this move. Many Queenslanders have grave concerns about the impact on our state's democracy by these rolling emergency powers, lockdowns and abrogation of citizens' rights. Powers granted under emergency legislation are supposed to be exceptional and time-limited. There is no justifiable reason why the Government can't legislate for more reduced powers that allow Government to deal with the situation at hand while restoring many of the State's normal democratic processes.

I request that the House oppose the bill and request the Government prepare a new one that better reflects the democratic rights of Australians, make public all data and forecasts used by the Government in the decision-making process, end the overuse of 'emergency' legislation (which supersede the usual checks needed for a functioning democracy), end QR 'sign in' mandates for shops and businesses and allow people who are not at high risk from the virus (for example, due to age or co-morbidities) to resume normal living, and normalise democratic processes and freedoms in Queensland.

Sincerely
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