

Wednesday 7th July 2021

Attention:  
Committee Secretary  
Economics and Governance Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

My name is Julie McDonald OAM.

I am writing to express my concern around the further extension of the powers granted to the government under the Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021, not to be approved.

I would like to voice my apprehensions around the lack of scientific evidence and some personal experiences which has left me having no, too little, faith in our current Government. Merely extending these provisions so that interventions based on poor quality science can be continued, is highly upsetting to myself and the many people with whom I associate.

Lockdowns:

Isolation promotes poor mental health, evokes anxiety, and promotes 'neediness' in our population. <https://psycnet.apa.org/fulltext/2020-43457-001.pdf>

Targeted approaches focused on supporting those who are high risk of infection should be considered.

<https://www.bmj.com/content/371/bmj.m4263?fbclid=IwAR2ZvRw07fJjUOU3fTHqNOyUvmiyAxSQzQuSo-RQveURj5Cty3cJzA41yLUl>

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/jpm.12644>

Face Marks:

There is insufficient evidence to support mask use in healthy people. Masks are associated with a range of potential harms (during exercise, increasing risk due to incorrect wearing/seal).

Why are you using a 'Hamster study' to support the use of masks?

Look at the Danish Mask Study, which found face masks provide no beneficial effect against protecting people from infection.

<https://aricjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13756-015-0086-z>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4480558/>

<https://www.ciap.health.nsw.gov.au/assets/docs/covid-19/evidence-checks/20200720-Evidence-check-face-masks.pdf>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7306735/>

<https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/full/10.7326/M20-6817>

Infectious strains:

Fearmongering continues with the claim of more infectious strains existing, yet the study does not provide clear clinical evidence nor peer reviewed, computer estimations were the outcomes suggestions. This is clear manipulation of those who are already living in fear!

[https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.12.24.20248822v1.full?fbclid=IwAR2rFJ7nK3LwXfvVGFPvaeYvuNwwwxKI\\_AXle\\_oJgVsqjHgVOxyGMnsHE6D8o](https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.12.24.20248822v1.full?fbclid=IwAR2rFJ7nK3LwXfvVGFPvaeYvuNwwwxKI_AXle_oJgVsqjHgVOxyGMnsHE6D8o)

Privacy Act 1988, Sect 94H:

Informs us that no one can ask me to provided medical information in relation to being vaccinated or not. Yet our current government and local media, and public representatives, continue to bombard us with coercive suggestions and bullying into the only way to get out of lockdown is to inject our bodies with an unresearched toxic needle.

Additionally, no one can track movements and cannot refuse us entry to a business open to the public; yet the QR sign-ins are doing exactly that. This 'requirement' is forcing retail staff to take on a 'policing' role of which they are not required to do. This is both cruel and irresponsible behaviour from our current government officials enforcing what is illegal behaviour.

<https://qrco.de/privacyact>

Australian Biosecurity Act Sect 60 & Sect 61:

No person other than a human biosecurity officer under the authority of a biosecurity control order, can force you to submit to biosecurity measures, such as, forced vaccinations, coerced, or

forced RT PCR tests or Quarantine (including social distancing, mask wearing).

The extremely strict conditions in which a biosecurity control order may be issued includes, the grounds under which it can be issued and by whom; the listed human disease; the symptoms (you **must** be symptomatic); the history of the contact with the infected people; and more.

<https://qrco.de/Sect60Biosec>

<https://qrco.de/Sec61Biosec>

Personal:

My speaking business dissolved last year due to having all bookings cancelled since March 2020.

I was able to earn \$5000 per month. Job Keeper stopped and I have now had no job prospects at age 51.

As a Domestic Violence survivor I worry about the additional stress of finance struggles and abuse levels rising in the community.

The level of violence that has also been witnessed from our Police force has rekindled anxieties about going out in public.

Being hard of hearing I find hearing people speak through masks extremely difficult and I am embarrassed asking them to repeat themselves.

I've found myself more housebound as I don't want to go out.

My son has suffered higher anxiety about going out and I receive more frequent calls from him about his abusive father.

This is not a 'new normal' this is the death of 'normal' (both adults and children are suffering).

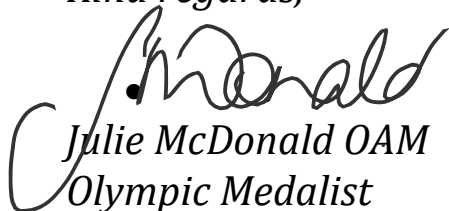
Politicians, aided by media hysteria, seize the opportunity to dispense funds, create new programs, and enact proposals without considering the effects this has on their constituents.

These changes to 'protecting' us are supposed to be temporary, but by changing laws they become binding, thus allowing the Government to expand in size and control.

This should never be about control or minority law making.

I ask that the extension for the aforementioned future provisions not be granted and that any prospective or future public health interventions be based upon the current scientific evidence.

*Kind regards,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie McDonald'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J' and 'M'.

*Julie McDonald OAM  
Olympic Medalist*