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To whom it may concern

I hereby write to you to formally express my strenuous objection to the extension of the "State of Emergency Health Provisions" currently enacted by the Qld Government until April 2022 as proposed.

It has not gone unnoticed by the masses that the lockdowns experienced in Qld have always coincided with the state of emergency being due to expire. It has happened in January, March and now again more recently in June, many were actually able to predict the 3 day snap lockdown to the day and these snap lockdowns and crippling restrictions always happen immediately after a large football game, the last one being with almost 60k in attendance. The Qld public is not blind to what is going on in plain sight and this is now becoming politically unpopular for the Labor Government to be treating the people that voted them in with such contempt.

These State of Emergency powers and the overreach of control and power displayed by the Qld Government and non elected health officials are overzealous, non transparent, inconsistent and severe overreactions, indicting potential corruption and hidden agendas are going on in plain sight. These heavy handed and inappropriate lockdowns and restrictions for a small handful of apparently positive test results in a population of millions, do not constitute an emergency by any reasonable or logical or common sense standards. They are disproportionate to the current level of risk, especially if considered that there have been zero community transmission deaths in Australia this year and no evidence that the most recent "strain of concern" is any more deadly. The constant fear mongering, propaganda, inconsistencies and heavy handed control by the Qld Government has not gone unnoticed.

The lockdowns currently enforced under the state of emergency are inconsistent and detrimental to small businesses, the hospitality sector and the arts, gyms and other health, wellbeing and fitness businesses, whilst large corporations like Harvey Norman, JB Hi Fi, EB Games, Spotlight, to name a few are allowed to remain open, they are not considered essential services. How are these inconsistencies allowed to proceed?

The lockdowns and emergency powers are having considerable mental health and economic impacts on small business, families, children, youth and the general population. We are told that we are not allowed to go outside for fresh air at the beach or the beaches will be barricaded, we are threatened with large fines and the heavy hand of the law if we want to connect with our families and community, restrictions are imposed on small business capacity, family gatherings, funerals, weddings etc, yet days after a lockdown, football players and large crowds are allowed once again to gather. This does not sound like any sensible health advice and is getting predictable.

We are being treated like children who do not know how to manage our own health and wellbeing, businesses are being made to go broke, people are being made homeless, many pets are being surrendered and many are suffering unprecedented mental health issues and suicide due to these overarching and draconian measures, is this the plan? It seems like psychological warfare and we are constantly bombarded with propaganda that an untested vaccine, with many adverse reactions and deaths here in Australia and overseas and no liability to the big pharmaceutical companies or government is the only way out of this, not once have we been advised on healthy living and how to keep our immune systems strong and healthy. The risk of this virus in Australia and Qld is very minimal, any outbreaks that have occurred have been due to mismanagement by Qld Health and Government, so why are the people being constantly punished with measures like lockdowns, which have been said not to be effective. If it's so that the contact tracers need time to do their jobs, as is the narrative we are constantly fed for our lack of freedoms, then maybe these contact tracers are not fit for the job. More recently we were locked down for an additional 24 hours, only to be advised in the news, that the case was a false positive, no apologies, no reimbursements, no assistance to businesses who have lost trade or casual workers who have lost hours and precious money to pay their rent, bills and feed their families. We were previously told that masks are not recommended and now we are given mandates to wear them or be punished by on the spot fines. Where is the science to back any of this up, this fumbling around in the dark approach is costing hard working Australians their basic rights to freedom and their livelihoods and enough is enough.

These emergency powers have been taken advantage of like nothing ever seen in a fair and democratic society that Australia has always prided itself on. I do not consent to the state of emergency powers being extended until April 2022. There is no evidence that any of the current state of emergency powers have been proportionate or lawful and it is time to let Qld get back on track, without coercion, without restrictions and to live our lives as our basic human rights to freedom of movement within our free country and the constitution we have been living under for many years. What is happening under these current measures is criminal and cannot be allowed to continue.

Please consider this as my submission to strongly object to state of emergency powers for Qld being extended to April 2022.

Kindest Regards
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