

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (FURTHER EXTENSION OF EXPIRING
PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2021**

FORM O SUBMISSION

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To The Committee Secretary

Economics and Governance Committee

I [REDACTED] oppose the Bill to extend the State of Emergency in Queensland for the following reasons;

1. To date there have been 7 deaths related to the “virus”, with the population of Queensland estimated at 5.18 million would suggest that the deaths are such a small percentage how can we justify the need for legislation that can enforce such extreme measures that allow for mandates as the removal of our constitutional rights to work, gather with loved ones and move freely within our country. I understand the need to respond to the community safety however the numbers just don’t add up. Yes we need to use our common sense and wash our hands, stay in if unwell, use etiquette when coughing and sneezing, but the measures you are wanting to use are just not medically, economically or socially warranted considering the probability of risk. This Bill is unlawful and unjust, please do not pass it on as legislation.
2. The wearing of masks has not ever been proven to protect us from the contraction of illness, the information is inconclusive and therefore should not be “mandated” as a requirement for movement in the community. The harm is however clear, unjustified restrictions of individual rights, financial waste, ecological impact and increase in social inequalities. As I watch and am informed on situations where people are vilified, arrested and have their rights removed for not wearing a mask, I suggest the emergency is not the “virus” but the response to it! I have been witness to instances where adults are reporting members of the public, business owners and young people who are completely healthy, at no risk to the community, yet subsequently arrested and treated unfairly, discriminated against for their personal beliefs or mental health choices. Even young children are judging people who do not wear a mask. By all means wear one if makes you feel safe but to enforce this is discriminatory and promotes unnecessary alienation and judgement of others. The ECDC states “the use of face masks in the community could be considered only as a complimentary measure,” to do otherwise is intrusive and unjustified. The trauma being experienced by a large number of people cannot be measured until we see the research, however, as a teacher I have already seen the impact on our young people, I myself have serious concerns about how I will treated when I use my freedom and try to go about my life without a mask. Let alone what is now occurring with the push for the experimental injection as a requirement to work, and now overnight in place to travel.
3. Mandates being treated as law. The actions of a number of officials, in our law enforcement and medical fields are criminal and will not be ignored. These legislative amendments are a direct opposition to the laws we were at one time given the right with which to voice an opinion. The changing of legislation without giving the public an ability to be involved in the decision-making process is hardly democratic. Where is the referendum now? You are our delegates, voted by the people and given the responsibility to act in our best interests. The data collection with the check-in mandates are in short, similar to Communist China or Nazi Germany, restricting the freedom of the people to undertake their constitutional rights. Your decision to act against your public is against our constitution, we do not consent to the treatment of our most vulnerable in the manner of which is currently being undertaken, nor

the treatment of those who wish to use their right to freedom of speech or right to choose to wear a mask. To suggest that we must have an experimental vaccine, to allow us freedoms we and our family have the right to enjoy, is not only a breach of all that you should stand for it is shameful to say the least. The threats and intimidation from our officials is criminal and reeks of communist coercive methods similar to the regime that brought about the Nuremburg Trials. To act as an omnipotent board of directors taking the rights of the people, those who are directly under your care is disgraceful, contemptable and completely unreasonable. Please do not accept the Bill if you care about the people who made it possible for you to serve them.

4. Financial, social and economic hardship, removal of personal medical choice and informed consent and employment opportunities. Small business and self-employed individuals are already reeling from the previous decisions to lockdown, and therefore affect their ability to work and care for their families. The ability to provide for our children and pay taxes that ensure your employment are at risk, lockdowns and restrictions reduce the flow of people in the community and therefore reduce the clientele and the ability to maintain a workforce as we have already seen in the hospitality industry. The restrictions and mandates make it impossible for people to go about their work, less people in the community due to State of Emergency Lockdowns and mandates together with the use of the check in system is an encroachment of civil liberties. The Bill if made legislation would create a new class of people, those who are compliant and hopefully well enough to work will be the Elite with access to all resources, work and social interactions, however for over 35 years I have been an active member of my community, worked, paid taxes and volunteered to help others. Your Bill will disregard all these as I will no longer be able to do so, freely in a manner that I choose, as a member of a constitutional democracy would and should expect to do. Many people have been socially isolated for a “virus” that has a morbidity rate of less than 1% . The confusion in responses and lack of accurate information has also resulted in contradictions in the community information and thus the unfair treatment of those who trusted they were free people, protected by the law, supported by those in power, not to be given benefit of the doubt, but unjustly made guilty for the purposes of control and forced compliance.
5. We cannot eliminate this “virus”, it is just that a biochemical mechanism or agent that causes infectious diseases, which we have been recording for decades, and as virus’ mutate and replicate we will continue to learn ways to manage them effectively, as with the influenza, using hygiene and perhaps a proven vaccine, until then we must be transparent in the way we share information and gain consent and agreement as an entire nation. Our country was built on the constitution and the idiom of “Mateship”, central to our concept of who we are as a people. Do not sacrifice our way of life for a risk that is not proven, is not threatening our existence, the real threat is the breakdown of families, the new poor and the abolishment of consent, choice and freedom in all ways and walks of life. In closing I would ask that you remember why today you sit in the chair, of which you are privileged to be placed. Your task today is to make a decision for the best interests of all, not those who are in power but for those who put you in your position. People like me who are asking, demanding, praying that you do what is right. I ask you to consider what a community without the freedom to help the elderly, to volunteer, to work, to pay taxes, to share our successes and celebrate with those we love, I ask that you remember the reason you decided to be in politics if it is for any other reason than to serve the people you should then

reflect on those you love and ask how you want them to be treated, if you are here to serve the people of Queensland this is all I can ask. Do not pass this Bill if you are a human who has an ounce of morals, ethics and a heart. Please hear our call for your sense of integrity and humanity to do what is good and stand for what is right.

Yours sincerely

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