

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

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Subject: Submission regarding NEW QUEENSLAND BILL EXTENDING EMERGENCY POWERS TO 30 APRIL 2022
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to record my grave concerns for the future of democracy, open and free debate, and basic human rights in Queensland, caused by the following.

On 16 June 2021, right in the middle of ‘Budget Week’, the Minister for Health, Yvette D’Ath, tabled a new Bill extending the Public Health Emergency Response measures from 30 September 2021 to 30 April 2022.

The Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021 extends a range of emergency measures, including the extraordinary powers of the Chief Health Officer, Dr Jeannette Young.

These powers include the ability to impose restrictions on the free movement of citizens, their ability to travel, conduct a business, attend school, church or sport, as well as the power to issue mandates on mask wearing, social distancing rules, the numbers of persons who can gather at any one time, border closures, area lockdowns and quarantine mandates.

The Bill also extends emergency measures, and creates new ones, for the care of mental health patients and persons with cognitive or intellectual disability, the operation of prisons and youth detention centres and related measures.

As far as I have been able to tell, no mention of the Bill, its contents or tabling last Wednesday has received a single mention in the media or state legal bodies.

This is not only surprising, but the source of my grave concern for Australia as a free and fair, truthful and transparent democracy.

By 30 April 2022, Queenslanders will have been living under ‘state of emergency’ conditions for more than two years, with every chance the date will be extended yet again, judging on past experience.

This is something that warrants public discussion, if not debate, I would have thought.

From the time Queenslanders were first told we needed a ‘short, sharp lockdown’ to

‘flatten the curve’, the Government has released no ‘exit strategy’ or ‘roadmap’ for a way out of the current ‘emergency’ conditions – an ‘emergency’ which many agree, is starting to look ominously permanent.

The Bill was referred to the Health Committee by the Minister in the Speech, however it appears the Bill did not go to the Health Committee, but appears instead on the list for the Economics and Governance Committee.

The Committee is due to report back to Parliament by 6 August 2021, and has called for submissions on the Bill by 5pm on Wednesday 7 July 2021.

I am therefore urgently lodging this submission on the Bill demanding that you hold off on passing this Bill until there has been proper public debate and consideration.

We Queenslanders ARE still paying attention, and demand that you immediately cease acting covertly and against the interests of a free and fair, truthful and transparent democracy.

Kind Regards,

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