

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

**FORM Z SUBMISSION**

**LIST OF SUBMITTERS**

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**SUBMISSION TO THE QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ENQUIRY INTO THE BILL  
EXTENDING THE EMERGENCY POWERS TO APRIL 30 2022**

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**SUBMISSION:** Would the Committee consider the following concerns regarding the extension of emergency powers to April 30 2022:

- I refer to the **Constitution of Queensland 2001-**  
**Preamble:** The people of Queensland, free and equal citizens of Australia –  
  
(a) Intend through this Constitution to foster the peace, welfare and good government of Queensland: and  
(b) adopt the principle of the sovereignty of the people, under the rule of law, and the system of representative and responsible government, prescribed by this Constitution:  
  
• My understanding is that under 10 cases (as at 3 July 2021) would not be described as a pandemic, therefore extending emergency powers to an unelected Queensland Government official, namely the Chief Health Officer, powers to impose restrictions on the citizens of Queensland, does not reflect the first to excerpts of the **Preamble, (a) and (b)**  
  
• **The Science:** Queensland citizens deserve to be given comprehensive details of the actual science which the Queensland Government has relied on to mandate laws which contravene freedom and liberty. Details of the science has not been forthcoming, therefore the extension of emergency powers has no bearing on the science.  
  
• **Accountability:** The emergency powers excuse the Queensland government, who heavily rely on the advice of the Chief Health Officer, proper accountability and integrity which breaches responsible government principles and therefore lessens public trust and confidence.  
  
• Under emergency powers the Queensland government, relying on the advice of the Chief Health Officer, has the ability to cause enormous hardship to the public by directives such as:

Freedom of movement, ability to travel, conduct a business, attend school, church or sport. mandating of mask wearing, social distancing, numbers of persons who can gather at any one time, including funerals and weddings, loss of employment and or business.

These outcomes do not reflect (a) of the **Preamble** of the **Constitution of Queensland 2001**.