

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

**FORM AD SUBMISSION**

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To the Committee Secretary, Economics and Governance Committee.

I am writing this submission to ask that the Economics and Governance Committee reject the Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021 (further referred to in this submission as **The Bill**).

My contact details are provided at the end of this submission.

The Queensland Government, and the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services, the Hon Yvette D'Ath MP, is seeking an end date of 30 April 2022 for **The Bill**. This provides the Queensland Government with increased powers without a reasonable review period to justify continuation. Since March 2020, there has been a process of seeking extensions of emergency powers due to COVID-19, with these emergency powers referred to as a 'State of Emergency'. These 12 week 'State of Emergency' periods have been continually extended since March 2020, due to what is deemed a COVID-19 pandemic.

I believe that the Queensland Government should continue to be held accountable with the current process of a 12 week expiry of any extension to increased powers under a 'State of Emergency'. The Queensland Government has not provided evidence that COVID-19 is a pandemic to extend the 'State of Emergency' as there is no proof that COVID-19 is a pandemic.

- COVID-19 cannot be deemed a pandemic, as the definition of pandemic from the Merriam-Webster dictionary is "an outbreak of a disease that occurs over a wide geographic area (such as multiple countries or continents) and typically affects a **significant proportion of the population**".
- COVID-19 has not shown itself to affect a significant proportion of the population. The website [www.worldometers.info](http://www.worldometers.info) shows that there have been 184,664,026 COVID-19 cases to date. Out of a world population of 7,877,237,500 this is 2.3% of the world population that have tested positive to COVID-19 since its inception over 18 months ago. 97.7% of the world population has been unaffected by COVID-19.
- 2.3% infection rate from COVID-19 is not a significant proportion of the population. COVID-19 does not meet the definition of a pandemic.
- The death rate from COVID-19 worldwide is much less significant. Referring to the website [www.worldometers.info](http://www.worldometers.info) shows 3,995,263 deaths from COVID-19. This is 0.05% of the world population, that has died from COVID-19. This shows that 99.95% of the world population have not died from COVID-19. This shows that COVID-19 does not meet the definition of a pandemic.

The Queensland Government has progressively increased its measures that it says is to provide a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Note that I have shown above that it is not a pandemic. Their measures are showing greater and greater controls and surveillance and compliance over the Queensland population under the guise of a COVID-19 pandemic (noting again it is not a pandemic). They may continue to expand on mandatory QR codes, mandatory wearing of face masks, and mandatory quarantine, as some examples of measures they are taking under the extended powers granted through **The Bill**, and their extended powers will be without means of review until 30 April 2022. There is an essential need that the Queensland Government is held accountable to demonstrate that COVID-19 requires any extended and increased powers, and that there is at most 12 weeks between the need for any extension of extended powers under a 'State of Emergency'.

The Queensland Government has not shown since March 2020 that they are seeking to find medical treatments for COVID-19 to minimise the impacts of infection from COVID-19. This proves that the

Queensland Government needs to be held accountable in regards to their approach to responding to COVID-19, which is not currently happening.

- They have not shown any progression in seeking early intervention treatments for COVID-19 infections. In March 2020, the Queensland Government (Dr Jeanette Young) restricted Hydroxychloroquine for use to treat COVID-19, so that General Practitioners could not prescribe it to patients. This removed the ability for General Practitioners to utilise Hydroxychloroquine for early intervention treatment of COVID-19.
- There has been no progression of investigation of Ivermectin as an anti-viral medication to treat COVID-19.
- There are many worldwide studies into the effectiveness of Ivermectin to treat COVID-19 infections and to minimise the chance of death from COVID-19. As one source of information containing studies on the effectiveness of Ivermectin, refer to <https://c19ivermectin.com/>
- Dr Peter McCullough from the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, has published a 'Physicians List & Guide to Home-Based COVID Treatment', showing how Hydroxychloroquine or Ivermectin can be utilised by General Practitioners to treat COVID-19 with early intervention treatment protocols. This is what the Queensland Government should be seeking to implement. Refer to <https://aapsonline.org/covidpatientguide/>
- Any roadmap to respond to COVID-19 within Queensland, should concentrate on early intervention treatments, more than COVID vaccinations, quarantine, and masks. Are we as a Queensland population, going to rely on the majority of Queenslanders to be vaccinated? What if not enough of the Queensland population are willing to be vaccinated? Unless these people are forced to be vaccinated, which I believe is criminal, then the Queensland Government needs to be held accountable to implement effective early intervention treatments for COVID-19 infections.
- Masks and lockdowns are damaging for prolonged periods, and there needs to be a review period of any extended powers that allow these measures to occur. An extended 'State of Emergency' to 30 April 2022 does not allow reasonable periods of review, and could lead to abuse of these extended powers.

I thank you for your consideration of the matters raised in my submission.

Yours Sincerely

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