

Submission to QLD Govt Health Response to COVID19

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Dear Committee Member

I would like to provide feedback to you on the performance of the Palaszczuk Government in handling the COVID19 virus. I want to express my opposition to the fact that while Queenslanders were making huge sacrifices to contain the COVID19 virus, protestors were given permission to walk the city.

I think an online zoom meeting for public comment would have been a far more rational response in light of the circumstances.

The other important issue has been the delay in opening borders to allow for industry to reopen. The Prime Minister has nominated a date, but Premier Palaszczuk has not yet endorsed that date. This time delay would appear to frustrate the recovery of our economy and to contribute to the small businesses that are closing because they do not have tourists coming here. This would not appear to be a sensible alternative by the Premier.

In whatever way the Premier Palaszczuk cooperated with the national recommendations of the meeting between premiers and the Prime Minister, this is to be commended. It was seen as an excellent initiative that the Prime Minister would spend time to gain the feedback of Premiers and to make decisions for the nation in a conciliatory manner. For the Premier to not recommend the opening of the borders on the date that has been suggested by the Prime Minister would appear to be defying those efforts at conciliation.

Thank you again for this opportunity.

Yours Sincerely

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