

Public Health and Other Legislation (COVID-19 Management) Amendment Bill 2022

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Dear ██████████

Thank you for your email and invitation to provide a submission on the *Public Health and Other Legislation (COVID-19 Management) Amendment Bill* (the Bill) which seeks to amend the *Public Health Act 2005* to ensure targeted and proportionate powers remain available to respond to COVID-19.

I note that the Bill clearly sets out the Chief Health Officer's powers clearly and provides that the Chief Health Officer may issue a direction such as directing the population to wear masks in particular settings.

I have no other comments to make in relation to this Bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to consider any implications of the Bill for the performance of the Health Ombudsman's functions.

Yours sincerely

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