

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

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**Submitter Comments:**

I would like to make a submission against the ongoing use of emergency powers and QUEENSLAND'S NEW EMERGENCY POWERS BILL. This is ludicrous and nothing but a control tactic. It is unnecessary and the emergency powers should be allowed to expire on 31 October 2022 as they are supposed to. Covid 19 is not a pandemic and the WHO has even stated that Covid 19 is coming to an end so why is the government still trying to hold onto these powers? The Queensland people have had enough and lost 2 years of their lives because of the governments overreaching control and powers. People want to move on with their lives and have had enough of the government overstepping the boundaries and getting involved in their private medical lives. Did we have these emergencies powers with other diseases a lot deadlier than Covid? No, we didn't. It is time for the government to step back and let people move on with their lives as the restrictions destroyed a lot more than Covid ever did. I also believe that such powers should ONLY be exercised by a Minister, who is a democratically elected representative of the people, who is ACCOUNTABLE to the people for all actions taken. The CHO is none of these things – neither elected OR accountable. There is also an issue with a few broadly worded phrases, like "serious risk" that have not been defined in the Bill – the meaning is left entirely up to CHO's own discretion. I am also concerned with the Bill's proposal to extend emergency power provisions at corrective services facilities for another year. I implore that this bill not be passed and let the emergency power just expire when they are supposed to.