

Health and Environment Committee

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To: Health and Environment Committee
Subject: No to the Extension of State of Emergency

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To whom it concerns,

I am writing to request that the request for extension of the powers granted to our government under the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Act 2020 requesting an extension for the An Act to amend the Justice and Other Legislation (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Amendment Act 2020, the Mental Health Act 2016, the Public Health Act 2005 and the Public Health and Other Legislation (Public Health Emergency) Amendment Act 2020 for particular purposes, not be approved.

I am gravely concerned about increasing the power given to those in government working for the people of QLD. We have just witnessed a gross over reaction to 1 case of a "UK" strain of coronavirus that led to a 3 day lockdown.

We have had no deaths in a very long time, we have very limited cases and the original idea for imposing on the people of QLD and Australia any form of lockdown was to flatten a curve. We were aware that the virus was going to stay within the community and we were doing it to reduce the impact on hospitals. This 2 week lockdown which was implemented has now followed with increasing restrictions and over reaction to this virus.

I genuinely want to know what our government has as their end goal.

Zero cases ever?

So anytime there is a positive case in the country there is a fear based reaction?

Originally we were asked to stay home for 2 weeks to "flatten a curve", to help reduce the expected pressure on hospitals. We knew that being a virus it would still be around, cause that's what they do.

That stretched out for months.

Now we are supposed to live in fear of any positive case of a virus that is found with a test that was never meant to be used for this purpose - this is straight from the mouth of the guy who created it.

So we have gone from expecting that this virus will pass through the community, but staying at home to help "flatten the curve" to now freaking out at any sign of any positive case.

We were also told that we couldn't go back to normal until a vaccine was brought out. Now with an imminent experimental one due next month, we are being told that all covid precautions are here for 2021. Does this mean that the continual fear of a "case" will result in knee-jerk reactions of shutting down the states and country?

I have grave concerns for what the government's plan is for the future?

Will it be continual lockdowns, ridiculous double standards for businesses and events, keeping a country in constant fear of other people, of human touch, making singing, shouting and dancing an issue, keeping families separated and causing huge levels of depression and other mental issues, locking up the elderly, turning state against state, suburb against suburb and neighbour against neighbour...

When will it be enough? What is the goal?

Extending these powers will have a grave impact on the whole state and it will have repercussions for years to come.

Regards,

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