Health and Environment Committee

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I am writing on behalf of my husband and myself (retirees) as well as my son who works for a major charity in Bundaberg (& his family) and my daughter who works for Centrelink in Caboolture (& her partner).

We are all very proud of Dr Jeanette Young and her work during COVID-18 because she has ensured at all times the health & safety of Qld citizens. We are also very happy with the Premier's work re COVID during the past year.

There appears to be no reason not to extend Dr Young's powers as the pandemic will continue until such time as the vaccine becomes effective in all communities.

Evidence in China is that the virus is spreading again, like Australia their cases are coming in from overseas or from nearby countries, i.e., Russia. So we are a long way from controlling it.

Woodgate is a village of around 1000 people though more than double that during school holidays. The majority of people residing in Woodgate are elderly, i.e., over 65, and many suffer health issues, keeping us safe is vital.

Woodgate people shop mainly in Bundaberg and preventing an outbreak in that town is important because it is a major town for many outlying areas. If COVID breaks out there it will spread far.

For me personally I am hoping the majority of people have the vaccine as I have multiple allergies & multiple health problems so cannot have the general flu vaccine, only the pneumonia one, so won't be having the COVID vaccine, though my family will.

Finally, although I cannot see my other son and his children in WA for at least another year (I'm not game to attempt a flight even when they become available) I am not going to complain about our lockdowns.

Regards, C Baxter