

Health and Environment Committee

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To whom it may concern

These email is written on my behalf, and I do not represent any organisation or individual other than myself

I do NOT think that the Chief Health Officer should be granted the extraordinary authority beyond the current date as set out in the current agreement. My logic is as follows;

The recent 3 day lockdown that was triggered in Brisbane was due to a single infection. We were told the "mutant strain" was 70% more contagious than the original Covid-19. If this were to be true, how is it that none of the infected persons 129 close contacts were infected, or had become a confirmed case? I am concerned that the over-reaction has the "little boy that cried wolf" written all over it. I think a survey would prove that a vast number of "Brisbanites" have worn the mask, not because of the risk of covid, but of getting a fine. The whole process has been streamlined to strip away the Australian way of life at the drop of a hat. The most recent lockdown, and the way it was handled, sparked panic in the wider community.

The lockdowns are a luxury of the rich, and of the public service. The man in the street does not get paid if he does not work, and we cannot continue the trend of a lockdown for a handful of cases. It is a nonsense to think the world will ever be covid free, and we are continually fighting new disease (Think H1N1, swine flu, avian bird flu etc).

I remember every year when the EKKA would roll around to Brisbane, it would follow with an outbreak of the flu. The flu is also highly contagious and is a danger to the elderly, the unhealthy, and the young.

I accept that I will not live for ever, and eventually will die of some reason. People no longer seem to be dying of old age. I have heard of many people over 80, in the media, who we are told died of " Covid 19". Sure, it may be a factor, but no-one can live forever.

Kind regards,

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