

Health and Environment Committee

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To: Health and Environment Committee
Subject: Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2020

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Hi

I wish to have my voice heard in relation to any consideration in renewing the Public Health and Other Legislation (extension of expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2020.

I strongly object to this bill, and strongly object to any consideration of renewing this bill. My grounds for doing so are follows:

- this legislation was not and has not been debated in Parliament.
- the Queensland Opposition parties have not had the chance to debate, propose amendments, propose deletion, or otherwise.
- the legislation is therefore un-democratic and against the interests of the Queensland population.
- the legislation provides widespread and significant powers to an unelected official or bureaucrat whom is not ultimately unaccountable to the population of Queensland.
- the judgement of this unelected bureaucrat therefore should be subject to inbuilt checks and balances (like the oversight of parliament) to ensure powers are not abused and in the interests of the Queensland population.

The current CHO has over the last 6 months abused these powers without any oversight of Parliament or checks and balances. For example, the CHO has been inconsistent with rules (favorable treatment for AFL players and movie stars because they bring money) whilst demonstrating a complete lack of compassion for those extremely low risk family members wanting to travel interstate to be with sick or dying family. The current Brisbane lockdown where there have found to be no transmission is another example of abuse of power without democratic oversight.

Regards
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