

Health and Environment Committee

From: Kylie Russell [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 13 January 2021 11:56 AM
To: Health and Environment Committee
Subject: submission for amendment bill

Categories: Submission

To whom it may concern,

I wish to express my objection to the extension of aspects of this Public Health and other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2020.

There is no public health emergency. While covid-19 is a novel virus, the actual risk to public health is minimal, given that a large number of positive cases are asymptomatic, and a large number of even symptomatic cases make a full recovery. As such, there is no need to extend the state of emergency, nor provide additional powers to emergency officers or the chief health officer to respond to the virus.

The committee should consider the actual risk of the virus, versus the risk to mental health, financial solvency of businesses and as a result the employment status of residents, and the degree of control imposed by a government in a supposedly democratic country.

Kylie Russell

Phone: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]