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RE: Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2020

I totally OPPOSE any extension of Jeannette Young's extraordinary powers to oversee the Qld COVID response. Any powers to regulate people's behaviour should be from the Premier of Qld and not from the CHO.

The recent Brisbane lockdown was a gross over-reaction and the on again - off again lockdowns and border closures are destroying jobs and businesses. There has not been a Covid case North of Brisbane since April 2020 so why did they have to go into lockdown? The current cure of ongoing restrictions proposed by the Chief Health Officer are doing more harm to Queensland than the virus. There needs to be a balanced approach to Covid management and not last-minute knee-jerk reactions which is killing Tourism and Hospitality in Qld. In my opinion, the Chief Health Officer has not acted in the best interests of all Queenslanders and there should be NO extension to Jeannette Young's extraordinary powers to oversee the Qld COVID response.

Kind Regards,

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