

Health and Environment Committee

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

Dear Sir/Madam

As a concerned Queensland resident I would like to put forward my submission on the proposed extension of the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2020. This extension should NOT go ahead. Providing extra powers to emergency officers and the Chief Health Officer is not a decision to be taken lightly and it is not appropriate in our circumstances. Peoples freedoms are being eroded and their mental health compromised by the constant changing of rules and regulations. Businesses are being destroyed, people's relationships and health are at risk because of the snap judgements made by a person who wasn't even elected. There are many Emergency officers who have grave concerns about human rights violations and the illegality of orders they are being asked to follow. These people should not be receiving an extension of extra powers, and any extra powers given should be removed.

It is also terrifying to hear about being forced to pay for hotel quarantine, another example of a basic rights violation where people are subjected to weeks of no fresh air, sunlight, company or space to exercise. We don't treat our convicted criminals like this yet it is somehow supposed to be ok to subject the public to this and then force them to pay thousands of dollars for it.

The recent Brisbane lock down was uncalled for and an example of what power hungry people do. To lock down millions of people without a single community case is appalling and shows just what these health officers are prepared to do to the public. So many people are held prisoner in care homes and denied the right to visitors because of one unelected person's knee jerk reaction. These reactions are causing more harm to people and need to be stopped immediately. I do not support to extension of this bill and any extra powers should immediately stop.

Regards
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