

## Health and Environment Committee

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I DO NOT APPROVE

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to ask that the request for extension of the powers granted to our government under the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Act 2020 requesting an extension for the An Act to amend the Justice and Other Legislation (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Amendment Act 2020, the Mental Health Act 2016, the Public Health Act 2005 and the Public Health and Other Legislation (Public Health Emergency) Amendment Act 2020 for particular purposes, not be approved.

The increasing the powers given to those in the Qld government (elected and unelected) is a genuine and prescient concern. When one person has the power to shut down the entire SE Qld for one case I believe there's a problem. Where are the checks and balances?

Lockdowns have been shown by the WHO not to be an effective means of coping with a pandemic. We've been warned we must all listen to the WHO but not it seems our CHO. She called it a circuit breaker - that was first trialed in Wales. Didn't do so well for them.

The comical mandatory ruling to wear a mask in your own vehicle or when outdoors exercising shows the unbelievable lack of science involved when the Qld Gov brought out their new laws. Indeed conflicting advice over these areas were given throughout the first day of the lockdown and when they finally came down with one answer it was the ludicrous wear a mask when driving your own car. Where was the consultation? Does anyone other than the CHO have input to these decisions? Who are they and are alternate voices being heard and forming a considered part of Covid policy?

Will we continue to see immediate knee jerk lockdowns for every single positive case? How will commerce function? Qld tourism is already largely dead or dying-how much consideration for the financial aspects of Covid is given if the CHO is the sole decider of Covid policy? She previously stated she's only about health and yet made the call to allow the AFL final because of the money it brought to the state? As a parent unable to attend even a small gathering at my child's school because of Covid rules the decision to allow 30,000 into a stadium without any social distancing or anything else was disgusting. Is she a health minister or a financial one? It seems whichever suits her personal choices.

We know from the WHO that the PCR tests being used to detect the virus are dangerously faulty. We also know the tests were never meant to diagnose a virus. As there are other tests available now why are we still reliant upon faulty testing equipment as the sole basis for the pandemic cases diagnosis?

We know there are limitations and serious concerns about the vaccines being rolled out around the world and soon here and yet the only message we are being given is we must get vaccinated. I have not heard our CHO once comment upon the rulings made elsewhere such as anyone with severe allergies are not to have the vaccine nor that children are not to have the vaccine or indeed that pregnant women are not meant to have the vaccine. Will she start talking now seeing as though we are being told the vaccines are rolling out here next month?

We need more debate nor more unfettered powers. More out in the open vocal witnessed debate; where alternative voices are heard and contribute to the decision making process. Science only moves forward when it is challenged. We are not seeing any challenges brought into play by the Qld government. We need to all grow up and be treated as equals in this situation that quite frankly effects us all. Where are the lockdown scientists debating the harms of lockdowns and their shortfalls? Where are the medical virologists demanding the studies for available therapeutics be adopted into the covid protocol ( HCQ and Ivermectin as a start)? Where is the mask debate - a legitimate concern as bacteria pneumonia cases surge throughout the world?

If we are to have trust in our government then I believe our government must have trust in us and include us in the ongoing discussions about any future decisions for our state's covid plan. Is it now flatten the curve or eradication?

Extending these powers I believe will have a serious impact on democracy and any checks and balances on our personal freedom for the whole state which must not be sacrificed during a pandemic. If we champion freedom at all then we must continue to champion it during even the most difficult of times. Unfettered power can never be condoned.

Regards,

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Sent from my iPhone