

Health and Environment Committee

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To whom it concerns,

I am writing to request 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.

I am concerned about increasing the power given to those in government working for the people of QLD. We have just witnessed an over reaction to 1 case of a "UK" strain of coronavirus that led to a 3 day lockdown. This was based on a lie or at least very poor research. The study that suggested how contagious this new strain is was not even peer-reviewed by other scientists. Many studies are very poorly designed, make terrible assumptions or conclusions which don't match their data. To make things worse, many research studies (or the scientists performing the study) are funded by the very company that sets to profit from a positive outcome and they design the study for that particular outcome. And then the media often takes and exaggerated and sensationalist story of the study outcome, because reporters don't know how to read the study in full or how to critically analyse it. And many people still believe what they are told in the media.

It seems like QLD Health and other governments and media have jumped all over the media story that new UK strain of coronavirus being much more contagious is worthy of scaring everyone, not reading the real study, and then informing clueless politicians take this poor advice and make poorer decisions, based on a lie. Qld Health officials responsible for the recent lockdown should be sacked.

The unpublished study (Davies et al., 2020) which points to the UK strain being so dangerous found:

1. That the new strain was ESTIMATED (yes, their words) to be about 56% more transmissible (NOT 70%!), based on a MATHEMETICAL MODEL, not from real statistics
2. They were unable to find evidence that the new strain results in greater or lesser severity of disease
3. Even if the tiered restrictions in the UK were maintained, these will not bring down the rate of transmission, unless schools and universities are closed
4. The new UK strain has increased incidences despite all the lockdown measures in place (or in other words, the lockdown measures are NOT working)
5. The UK strain has multiple mutations compared to the original strain
6. The study looked at vaccine effectiveness in their modelling, and recommended more vaccinations to attempt to slow the incidence rate but the 95% effectiveness of the 2 available COVID vaccines is also a lie, so this modelling cannot be believed
7. Increased transmission of the virus will increase the percentage of herd immunity. The authors then recommend increasing the vaccine coverage to increase herd immunity, but that's a faulty concept, as her immunity ONLY occurs in natural infections not from vaccinations which may only give a temporary immunity before wearing off and you are no longer immune.

Whether a virus is contagious is one thing, but whether it is deadly is another. A mathematical model used in this study cannot factor in all the variables to come up with an accurate outcome that matches reality.

They admit that their results are just "estimates", yet they make major recommendations regarding closing down more services, and vaccinating more people (with unproven and experimental vaccines). The recent lockdown in Brisbane, or the tightening restrictions in the UK or other countries isn't working, and isn't justified - a different approach is needed.

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My question is why QLD Health, CHO and QLD Government are not proactively looking at other solutions and considering a different approach to the solution?

Equally people in power are not looking at studies showing ineffectiveness of masks and if we keep extending these powers we will see more and more pointless measures which appear to be looking at the solution where as in fact they are based on a very narrow minded and often conflict of interest filled guidance.

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In QLD, we have had no deaths in a very long time, we have very limited cases and the original idea for imposing on the people of QLD and Australia any form of lockdown was to flatten a curve. We were aware that the virus was going to stay within the community and we were doing it to reduce the impact on hospitals. This 2 week lockdown which was implemented has now followed with increasing restrictions and over reaction to this virus.

I genuinely want to know what our government has as their end goal.

Zero cases ever?

So anytime there is a positive case in the country there is a fear based reaction?

Originally we were asked to stay home for 2 weeks to "flatten a curve", to help reduce the expected pressure on hospitals. We knew that being a virus it would still be around, cause that's what they do.

That stretched out for months.

So we have gone from expecting that this virus will pass through the community, but staying at home to help "flatten the curve" to now freaking out at any sign of any positive case.

We were also told that we couldn't go back to normal until a vaccine was brought out. Now with an imminent experimental one due next month, we are being told that all covid precautions are here for 2021.

Does this mean that the continual fear of a "case" will result in knee-jerk reactions of shutting down the states and country?

I have grave concerns for what the government's plan is for the future?

Will it be continual lockdowns, ridiculous double standards for businesses and events, keeping a country in constant fear of other people, of human touch, making singing, shouting and dancing an issue, keeping families separated and causing huge levels of depression and other mental issues, locking up the elderly, turning state against state, suburb against suburb and neighbour against neighbour...

When will it be enough? What is the goal?

Extending these powers will have a grave impact on the whole state and it will have repercussions for years to come.

Thank you

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