

## Health and Environment Committee

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To whom it may concern

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

Addressing below:

- the Governor-in-Council to extend the declared public health emergency for up to 90 days (*Public Health (Declared Public Health Emergencies) Amendment Act 2020*, which received assent on 7 February 2020) – The governor in council should not be responsible for declaring public health emergencies. With this current 'emergency', there is much evidence from around the world and within Australia to state that there is no emergency, but a gross transfer of power. Figures need to be properly studied.
- increased powers for emergency officers and the Chief Health Officer to limit, or respond to, the spread of COVID-19 in Queensland (*Public Health and Other Legislation (Public Health Emergency) Amendment Act 2020*, which received assent on 19 March 2020); - The Chief Health Officer, a person in a position unelected by the public definitely SHOULD NOT hold these powers. Any response should be in discussion with the federal government as currently we are seeing in increasingly divided country and hostility because of these shock measures from one person. It seems the QLD health officer is not studying the numbers or the testing accurately. Positive tests vs 'cases' (cases which are people affected and ill) are used by the current health officer out of context.  
 There are restrictions currently being made which are not in line with the Australian constitution, privacy acts, and international human rights laws. These are extremely serious breaches. These laws are in for a reason and the chief health officer has been scaring people with shock mandates and not following the respective Acts and laws.  
 For any 'emergency' there has to be a panel of Drs and specialists with different backgrounds and opinions and not aligned with a particular political party to make a calculated assessment of the situation, taking into account a variety of Drs views worldwide.  
 In 2020 the QLD health department openly stated that masks did not stop the spread or contracting the virus, yet here they are mandating mask wearing, in Brisbane, in Summer and there have been dozens of medical studies and peer reviewed articles in the past showing the ineffectiveness of masks and also the common dangers in mask wearing. Even the WHO do not advise masks, yet we have one person (the CHO) going against science and making decisions that have proven to be harmful to human health.
- the chief executive to delegate their powers to the Chief Health Officer or a person with expertise or experience in public health issues and improving the operation of the provisions of emergency officers (medical) to support the Queensland Government's response to COVID-19 (*Justice and Other Legislation (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Amendment Act 2020*, which received assent on 25 May 2020); and – No this power should not be transferred to the Chief Health officer, or any other person but a panel of Drs and specialists with different backgrounds and opinions, and not aligned with a particular political party to make a calculated assessment of the situation.
- a person to be required to enter hotel quarantine at their own cost (*Community Services Industry (Portable Long Service Leave) Act 2020*, which received assent on 22 June 2020). – NO. As the government is requiring even people testing negative to 'quarantine' – this is not 'quarantine' in the legal term but unlawful 'hotel arrest'. This alone has to stop. The government should be paying the 'quarantine' fees for any legal

quarantine. Unlawful house arrest and hotel arrest is unacceptable. The government also needs to compensate these people with their usual loss of income in this time.

- declarations to be made about a mental health service through an expedited process; and – this is an acceptable amendment as mental health is very much on the rise with how this ‘emergency’ has been handled thus far.
- mental health patients to be granted leave to comply with public health directions. – and this leave should not come out of an employee’s personal leave, but paid by the government.

There needs to be a board of Drs and specialists not aligned with any political party to look over the figures and study international research on treatments and also what is actually happening with the spread of the virus, and infection rates, also people testing ‘positive’ vs people who are actually sick. Never before has this country been handled so badly – due to these emergency powers.

The facts and numbers really need to be looked at here and worldwide – in All countries, not a select few, as this categorising as a pandemic prompting these emergency powers seems to be now very questionable.

The QLD numbers below do not fit into a ‘pandemic’ category. The Chief Health Officer should not be the one to classify this as such.

Total QLD population = 5, 218, 465 (\*1)

Total tests = 1, 621, 595 (\*2)

Total supposed positive cases overall = 1, 281 (\*2)

=0.02% of population supposedly infected since the start.

Total supposed positive cases currently = 26 (\*2)

= 0.0004% of the population, supposedly currently infected.

Total supposed deaths = 6 (\*2)

= 0.0001% of population, supposedly have died "WITH" not "FROM" COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic.

Add to this, the fact that Kary Mullis, the inventor of the PCR test, stated the PCR test is NOT designed to diagnose infectious disease, as it will be extremely inaccurate.

Add to this, the fact the seasonal flu takes more lives every year than this so called pandemic.

Add to this, the fact that suicide as a direct result of the lockdowns, has taken many more lives than the virus itself.

Kind regards

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Independent submission.