

Health and Environment Committee

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To the Secretary of the committee reviewing submissions on the above Bill.

I make the following submission in the hope it will be taken into account when Parliament considers the above Bill. My submission makes reference to headings in the Explanatory Notes attaching to the Bill as a nominal basis for detailing the issues to which I seek Parliament's attention:

Achievement of policy objectives

The Qld government's - health policy - objectives during 2020 were just plain wrong to begin with as they have crucified the economy, destroyed peoples lives, and created unnecessary fear of something that is treatable for most people who contract the disease. The government's actions during the last year are unprecedented in my life time - of more than three score and ten years - and I worry that young people, who have almost no morbidity issues with this disease will suffer a lifetime of mental trauma over an action done in their junior years by people who should have known better. Various treatments have evolved over the last year that tells me this disease is treatable, so it does not make sense to throttle the life out of the populous because there's no vaccine when the disease is treatable - refer here:

<https://evidencenotfear.com/evidence/>
<https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/how-a-false-hydroxychloroquine-narrative-was-created-and-more>

Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives

Contrary to the assertion in the Explanatory Notes that there is 'no alternative', the fact is there is an alternative: let the healthy population get the disease - to which the vast majority it has little impact - so that their immune systems will eradicate the virus by natural attrition, whilst at the same time extend health resources to those most likely to succumb to it because of their comorbidity issues. Simply put, let the herd gain immunity via natural means, and protect the vulnerable with kid gloves, but only those who wish to be treated separately from the general population, otherwise let the rest of us carry on with life under what ever risk that entails; the risks in life are a personal choice, not the province of a government official. As far as freedom loving persons like me are concerned, we don't expect the majority of the population to suffer economic hardship just to protect the likes of me from a risk in life that is for me to determine- refer here:

<https://gbdeclaration.org/>

Estimated cost for government implementation

It is incomprehensible to think that the government is making rather draconian decisions that restrict our human rights by controlling the actions of the whole community, simply to protect the few, without a proper assessment of the costs for such decisions. It doesn't make sense that the whole community must pay an indeterminate price - in both monetary terms and loss of human dignity - without weighing the risks and benefits of such decisions on the general well being of us all - refer here for one aspect from the UK:

<https://capx.co/the-covid-nightmare-has-shown-the-costs-of-ignoring-economists/>

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The government's assertions that it is doing everything to preserve our rights under the circumstances, and that we the people must suffer some loss of freedoms is the price we have to pay for keeping us safe just doesn't ring true. My right to choose to live or die under the prevailing conditions is for me to determine, and given my comorbidity issues I take care to assess daily, whatever I need to do to ensure my safety. The activities of many governments around the world have trashed what I thought was a free and fair country, and the recent dictate that people in Brisbane and its surrounds must wear face masks, along with the atrocious policing activities evidenced in many jurisdictions - refer here:

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/09/24/australia-harsh-police-response-during-covid-19>

Consultation

The government's assertion that it needed to act unilaterally, with such haste, because there was no time to ask questions lest the populous would suffer from a merciless disease without something drastic being done, reeks of the worst actions of dictators in countries that we have all come to abhor. The Qld Government's actions to grant to unelected officials the power to rule our lives for the sake of a presumed health crisis is undemocratic in the extreme. The continual announcement of 'cases', without qualification to the severity of such, has lead to a paranoid state of fear in many people I know who otherwise would have just got 'it', gone to the doctor's for treatment, and then got on with their lives. It is in this regard the government has been found deeply wanting, particularly as the fear is being orchestrated through untruths at minimum, and this suggest the government doesn't want their constituents to know the truth.

In summary, I seek the Parliament to deny the executive and their officials from any further powers, or extensions of existing promulgations to the detriment of the liberties and freedoms of everyone, and just let all of us get on with our lives, but being mindful of the need to protect those that need assistance, without destroying the community at large.

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