

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2020 to bring forth my opinions for consideration.

Regarding chapter 8 of the bill, I do not believe that the Public Health Emergency should be further extended. As it is, in my opinion we do not currently have a COVID-19 pandemic in Australia, and therefore the extension of this Public Health Emergency is not required and just a means of taking away Australians freedoms.

In addition to this, giving increased powers to emergency officers and the Chief Health Officer and other related personnel is an abuse of power considering the lack of need due to there being no pandemic in our country.

Lastly, I believe it is absolutely disgusting that this country would force its citizens into a forced hotel quarantine and also require them to pay for this at their own cost. IF a person requires quarantining as they have tested positive to the virus, they should have the option to do this at their own home. This is, in my opinion, another way that you are taking away the freedoms of Australians. Much like the witch hunts from the past, it seems your opinion is that citizens are guilty of having COVID-19, no ands, ifs or buts, and must be dealt with promptly – which is ridiculous considering there is no COVID-19 pandemic in Australia and the high survival rate for the small amount of cases there is.

Please take my thoughts into consideration of the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2020, and any prior or later bills related.

Regards

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