

## Health and Environment Committee

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To whom it may concern,

I do not agree to an extension of the expiry date of the provisions under the abovementioned legislation.

My reason is because we have witnessed an array of alarming decisions to date.

I implore our leaders to look beyond the media hype and false reporting to the true facts of the matter. They must take into account all we have learnt about the mortality/morbidity rates, testing regimes and readily available treatments which inexplicably are being denied to the people of Queensland.

There are now over 25 published journal articles that show that lockdowns do not work and can cause immense harm. Upwards of 10 000 children per month are dying worldwide due to restrictions; unseen but not forgotten.

To shutdown greater Brisbane over a single case was a stunning overreach of the Public Health Act, 2005. Measures must be commensurate with risk. Mandating face masks during a humid Brisbane Summer is cruel. It was farcical to mandate them whilst driving your own car. The mental anguish resulting from waking up to the news of a snap lockdown is immeasurable. To allow the Cricket to proceed mind boggling. Families are being torn apart.

In relation to the latest breach in hotel quarantine, The Chief Health Officer was quoted as saying, "This has happened very quickly and we're struggling to find out how it's got out of that room" and "I don't understand how it happened". This is very concerning to hear nearly 1 year down the Covid-19 track.

Australian citizens are not able to leave the country but our livelihoods and way of life is at the mercy of international travellers.

As for "mutant, highly contagious strains" we are yet to see proof that it is leading to higher mortality and morbidity. Hendra virus is omnipresent in flying foxes, usually without disease until they are stressed, like many humans are after a year of uncertainty and fear. It is highly contagious, yet does not cause disease in normal, healthy bats. By way of comparison, the Hendra virus is not a successful virus in other species; it kills its host. It is in the viruses interest to be more contagious but less virulent; this is a basic virological principle.

Thank you for considering my submission.

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