

## Comments re Review of Bill 37, An Act to Amend the Emergency Measures Act

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I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed Bill 37. I am opposed to Bill 37, an Act to Amend the Emergency Measures Act. The time frame allowed for public comment is short. You may reject this submission as I thought I had until midnight to submit. I have just discovered that it was due by 4PM today (June 25<sup>th</sup>).

I do not have the knowledge or experience to provide a full legal and constitutional explanation of the reasons not to enact this legislation. Instead, I refer you to the comprehensive document prepared by Don Desserud. Mr Desserud's document appears to cover this topic thoroughly and I agree with his summary and findings. I thank him for his considerable coverage of detailed issues.

The submission by Phillip Brown, Richmond, PE is also one that I refer you to. He has expressed many of my concerns.

The initial 'state of emergency' made sense. The ongoing state of emergency since early May has left me increasingly questioning the actions of Government and the Public Health Office. I appreciate the early efforts and the response. As time went on, I believe there was considerable overreach of power. Just because we 'can' do something does not mean we 'should'.

'Excellence is being willing to take risks. Perfectionism is being overly cautious and fearful' (anonymous). In seeking 'perfectionism' I believe lines have been crossed and we have set our Province up to be overly cautious and fearful. The extensive messaging has created much of this fear. We need to adjust to living with this virus that is present in our world. There are numerous viruses and bacteria that exist every day and yes, we can and have stepped up our cleaning and sanitation protocol and practices. Physical distancing makes sense. However, 'perfection' does not exist and is not realistic.

Since early May I have been trying to figure out just what the emergency is in PEI. To me, there has been considerable over reach of government and the public service. While initially acceptable, it became unreasonable with much instilling of fear. This proposed Act appears to allow for extensive overreach.

I repeat, I am opposed to this proposed act.

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