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## **Workplaces (Protection from Protesters) Amendment Bill 2021 - Have your say**

to the panel,

I believe that the government legislating away the right to protest, purely for the convenience of the government is a major erosion of democracy.

Without the right to protest, our civil society would not be as free or comfortable as it is today. The Franklin river would be dammed.

If the government cannot get social license for its desires, then they should go back to the drawing board and rethink what is being attempted, with the frame of mind that they have been elected to represent the populace as a whole, not just the few.

Protest, physical blockade is a protest mechanism done by a few in representation of many more that cannot be directly involved for whatever reason. It takes a lot for a person to put themselves physically and legally on the line for a cause.

These laws represent a draconian shift to a society where politicians and corporations run things and the populace obeys.

Sincerely

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