Dear Justice Dept and MPs,

Thanks for the opportunity to provide a submission on the Workplaces (Protection from Protesters) Amendment Bill 2021.

I do not support the bill and recognise that the High Court determined this legislation to be unconstitutional.

Primarily, the right of peaceful protest for protection of our wild, clean, and green Tasmanian brand, our biodiversity, carbon stores, and overall biosphere health is extremely important to me and to Tasmania.

Further relevant points (which may use some unfortunate inflammatory language), I believe are valid and kindly request are taken into due and unbiased consideration by all involved to make evidence based individual, moral and ethical decisions

- Contributes towards a concerted politically motivated campaign of hate and vilification towards peaceful protestors, which can fuel increased violence towards protestors.
- Introduces the concept of protecting workers into its rhetoric, despite no evidence ever being provided that peaceful protestors have ever caused injury or risk of injury to workers.
- Specifically applies to a select range of businesses mining, forestry, agriculture, aquaculture, meat processing, and retail which are disproportionately representative of Liberal Party donors.
- Clashes with existing trespass laws by creating two classes of businesses where trespassers are subject to different maximum penalties.

Thanks

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Sent whilst out and about