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To: [Have Your Say](#)
Subject: Workplaces (Protection from Protesters) Amendment Bill 2021
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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a personal submission towards the *Workplaces (Protection from Protesters) Amendment Bill 2021*.

I would like to make the point of how ludicrous and undemocratic these proposed changes are. This Bill 'picks and chooses' where protestors can be deemed as 'acceptable' in the eyes of the current government. This 'picking and choosing' opens up a platform for the government to segregate Tasmanian society and removes the remaining 'freedom of speech' citizens have left. For example, within the proposed legislation it would be perfectly legal for anti-abortionists to protest outside a hospital/clinic, abusing and shouting defamatory slurs to the patients who choose to have an abortion. But completely illegal for a group of school children to peacefully protest outside of a building of a private company which is exacerbating the effects of climate change because they care about the planet? Media outlets and certain members of the government would deem those school children as 'radical and extreme terrorists.'

On a personal note, I am a proud, young gay man. Like many other minority groups, my 'lifestyle choices' tend to get overlooked by government policies and legislation. This Amendment Bill would criminalize the act of minority groups standing up against discrimination in a public forum. I find it quite disgusting that Mr. Barnett put forward a bill that removes freedom of speech and expression of opinion from the Tasmanian people to suit the Liberal Party's political donors from the sectors in which this bill underlyingly targets. We have more pressing issues in this state such as housing, our education, and health systems but this government is focused on keeping protestors at bay to keep their donators happy.

I urge all members of parliament from all sides of politics to vote against this bill and just get on making this state a better place for Tasmanians.

Kind Regards,
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I recognise the deep history and culture of this land. I acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land upon which I work and study. I pay my respects to our Elders past, present and emerging.

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