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SUBMISSION from Craig Brown.

The workplace protection legislation, known as anti-protest laws, is repressive legislation and should be abandoned. Kindly see my letter below, for my views in a nutshell, published in the Mercury on 7th April.

Thankful for considering my submission.

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QUASHING DEMOCRACY

WHAT are the aims of the proposal to strengthen Tasmania's anti-protest laws? Resources Minister Guy Barnett says it is "to better protect workers and their right to work and the right for businesses to operate free from intrusion or workplace invasion".

This legislation is clearly intended to hobble and punish environmental activism, to heavily fine and even imprison those who take an ethical stance based on established climate and biological science.

Peaceful activism, with its roots in British parliamentary reform and labour reform of the early 19th century, produces tremendous social, political and environmental benefits and keeps business and government accountable.

As Tasmanian writer Pete Hay puts it: "The negative feedback applied by outside-the-system activism is democracy's most vital component."

The Liberals want to quash that.

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