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I request my name and address be kept confidential and not published.

I wholeheartedly concur with the excellent submission put forward by Cassie O'Connor, that the proposed legislation is politically motivated, that it does nothing to add to workplace safety but instead its main objective is to remove the right to peaceful protest. It is drafted in order to limit the ability of peaceful protesters to bring to the attention of the general public, unlawful activities connected to forestry clearance.

As a young woman, I was involved in peaceful protests against cruise missiles. At that time, I was one among thousands of concerned members of the public, who turned out to quietly express their opposition to the presence of weapons of mass destruction within communities. We were grandmothers, children, students, business owners, couples, farmers, etc.

Here in Tasmania peaceful protest is a legitimate way to stand up for one's beliefs and express concern. Forests cannot protest the bulldozer: waterways and marine animals cannot protest water pollution: babies cannot protest the planned destruction of their future environment: we responsible members of electorates must do so and politicians should embrace the will of their electorates and not try to stifle peaceful protest with weasel worded bills in parliament.

I respectfully protest against the Workplaces (Protection from Protesters) Amendment Bill 2021

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