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Subject: HPE CM: Workplace Protection Bill 2022

To whom it may concern,

I would like to oppose the abovementioned Bill, before it is too late.

This Bill is specifically designed to oppose climate and environmental protests and protestors.

The United Nations Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, said last week that climate activists/ protestors were depicted as dangerous radicals, However the really dangerous people are those who deal with fossil fuel companies, who put their profits above the climate emergency and those ordinary people, who suffer the effects of the climate crisis, be it floods or bushfires.

I am part of a nonviolent climate organization, which takes to the streets and attempts to inform the public about the dangers of climate disasters on their lives.

It seems to me that this new law is designed to punish people like me, who have a voice and a body to use, if I do not agree with the government or vested interests. I thought that we all have the legal right to protest. Am I mistaken?

Similar laws have been enacted in other right wing states, and people have been gaoled or deported for climate protests.

This is not the Australia I grew up in. This is not the country of 'a fair go'. This is not the freedom that my grandfather, who was an ANZAC soldier, fought for in WW1.

Surely the police work to keep the public safe. Or do we live in a police state? Do we want to live in fear? Surely the police force serves the people? Am I mistaken?

Yours faithfully,

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