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Dear premier and liberal government,

Even in these times of unusual and difficult events, I find it extraordinary that you would try, for a third time, to change the legislation which had already been amended after the High Court found our law to be unconstitutional. The right to peaceful protest is part of our democracy. Your government, and previous ones, have already been responsible for countless environmental crimes, and if it were not for peaceful protest, this beautiful island would already be completely denuded of significant forest, totally polluted, mined to a crust, and probably 100 percent in the hands of Beijing's communist party. To suggest, by your propositions, that protesters have caused harm to workers, is outrageous, as well you know. There is no evidence whatever to support that claim.

I wonder if you also know that the life you enjoy here in Tasmania, you enjoy only because of the activities of peaceful protesters over many decades? Plundering and desecrating nature for a quick dollar is easy and cheap. The cost to human society, of losing the natural world which supports us, is incalculable. The Covid 19 pandemic has shown us all how a virus acts on its prey. Greed has shown us how very like this virus human societies have become in their relationship with their own planet. The ability to peacefully protest, especially on behalf of the natural world, is as essential as vaccination against the Covid 19 virus.

Perhaps your government could make history, and enshrine with full value the right and the need to protest (especially against environmental desecration), alongside the right and need to receive vaccination against Covid 19.

Are you open to making history?

Yours faithfully,

Helen Murray