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To whom it may concern:

Re: Submission in response to the Tasmanian Government's draft Workplaces (Protection from Protesters) Amendment Bill 2021.

I am a Victorian citizen who cares about the wellbeing of the unique and irreplaceable natural environment in your beautiful state as well as my own.

In light of the ongoing politically motivated violence and irresponsible danger to the greater community from coronavirus infection during protests in Victoria, I support the Tasmanian government in its quest to deliver significant benefit to the community by strongly discouraging such behaviour from occurring in Tasmania. These protests are a blatant politically motivated attempt by an antisocial minority to undermine important public health legislation that protects the health of the entire population by selfish violence..

Non-violent public protest in support of conservation of natural ecosystems from destruction by unnecessary and unsustainable commercial exploitation is aimed at protecting the Tasmania's natural beauty of this state, and its unique place in the world is part of the necessary discourse within a healthy democracy..

I ask that any change to existing legislation clearly respects the difference between selfish, violent behaviour by ill-informed, angry and thoughtless minority currently seen in Victoria recently, and an anathema to concerned community members exercising their democratic right to non-violent, peaceful protest carried out in the interest of future of threatened ecosystems that should be valued by the entire community.

Tasmania's government should show pride in the way its citizens have protected their natural heritage and helped to create such a beautiful state.

Community members who care about this state and its wonderful natural assets should not be penalised for caring.

Yours sincerely

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