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To: [Have Your Say](#)
Subject: Re: Workplaces (Protection from Protesters) Amendment Bill 2021
Date: Thursday, 23 September 2021 11:54:12 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

In reply to your request for submissions on the above stated matter, I hereby voice my opposition to the proposed Workplaces (Protection from Protesters) Amendment Bill 2021.

The right to peacefully protest any matter of concern as so deemed by the public, is a foundational principle of a functional democracy. This bill puts that principle in jeopardy and moves our society into the territory of totalitarian political rule.

There should never be specific bills drawn for the purpose of criminalising otherwise acceptable behaviours of the public. There are already laws prohibiting violent behaviour and that is the only requirement needed in order for police to carry out their duties in a protective and apolitical fashion.

Passing this bill would effectively result in a society which has no option but to blindly accept any destructive actions taken by governments, with no ability to respond with their displeasure or alert other community members to any issues.

We live in a democracy, not a totalitarian regime. I implore you to keep it that way.

Regards,

Ishara Love