RE:

Proposed changes to the Workplaces (Protection from Protesters) Amendment Bill 2019.

Dear Sir/Madam

As a Tasmanian voter, I would like to add my support for this government bill.

Whilst it is important that we, the people, have the right to protest, I believe that companies/workers/contractors should also have the surety of not being “invaded” in their place of work, home, vehicle or any other private domain.

For far too long we have seen extremist protesters shut down the operations of businesses they don’t agree with by chaining themselves to equipment, blocking access to sites and even vandalism of privately owned equipment. This invariably leads to lost revenue for companies and quite often, lost wages for workers who were going about their (totally legal) jobs!

I don’t believe the passage of this bill will in any way hinder any group’s lawful right to protest.

On a sidenote, I find it hypocritical of the greens to campaign against this when they, along with labor, pushed through laws making it illegal to protest anywhere near a clinic that provides abortions, yet they demand that other types of workplaces be open to invasion!

I’m aware that several greens groups are actively promoting their opposition to this amendment with pre-filled emails to send, let me assure you that I have written this off my own bat!

Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information, or to verify my identity.

Regards,

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