

To the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee, regarding the Summary Offences and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019,

I support this bill however it does not go far enough to deter "activists". The safety of responding personnel is of the utmost priority. I ask Liberals and Labour to put their partisan conflicts aside and to consider the wellbeing of the people who guard us, who guard the courts, parliament, the integrity of our democratic way of life, forsaking the ability to represent their own rights and interests so as to remain uncompromisingly a-political in the performance of their duties.

As we have recently seen in Hong Kong, protestors have been shining class 3b and above lasers directly into the eyes of law enforcement officers. This bill should also update protections to law enforcement officers. Class 1 and 2 lasers are an annoyance and compromise their situational awareness. Class 3b lasers and above cause eye injury instantly, faster than the blink reflex, aggravated injury. I suggest:

- Anyone suspected of possessing such a device may be searched and the device confiscated while at a protest or demonstration.
- With the exception of astronomy related events:
Possession of such a device suspected of currently falling into a category that poses a high risk of injury at a protest or demonstration shall be sufficient evidence to bring charges for the intention to use such a device to cause aggravated injury to a law enforcement officer.

Earlier in the year protestors cost Aurizon \$1.4m. They did not use attachment devices or similar devices. They simply stood on a rail car. For this reason the bill will not comprehensively address the fundamental problem with this new generation of protests.

A certain protester was photographed with a banner with the anarchist flag colors and the "workers of the world" and the Extinction Rebellion logo. It's absolutely absurd. As someone who's read years of Roger Baldwin's correspondence I can say that this boy doesn't know anything about the Wobblies. Anarchism was the propaganda spread by the Ku Klux Klan, among others, to discredit the union movement. All the wobblies ever wanted was to not die on the job, in an era before fire ordinances or OH&S. I question the people radicalizing these youth. I question the mother comparing this act of vandalism to Ghandi or Martin Luther King Jr. I wonder if she's ever read MLK,

"In no sense do I advocate evading or defying the law, as would the rabid segregationist. That would lead to anarchy."

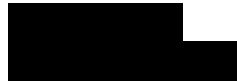
I present to the committee relevant historical documents. Firstly, part of a letter from the Roger Baldwin collection refuting claims of industrial sabotage perpetrated by the I.W.W. Secondly, when the courts and police failed to satisfy the public, when justice seemed out of reach, they turned to criminal organizations for "justice." Carter Blue Clark does a much more thorough job of illustrating this in his doctoral thesis.

It's difficult to determine what exactly these protesters are protesting. As far as I can determine it appears to be fire. From another perspective they seem to use a modified white nationalist symbol(which may superficially appear to simply be an hourglass and globe) and anarchist colors, but with no clear ideological goals other than apocalyptic doom and collective suicide. Possibly a "safe" controlled opposition outlet of rebellion. Possibly something more concerning if you're familiar with similarities in the rhetoric with that of Ted Kaczynski. The activities engaged in appear to be fun to them. The fastest way to extinguish such radical behaviour is to stop it from seeming fun anymore. While I applaud the additional powers granted to our law enforcement officers provided in this bill, there are easier ways to prevent such behaviour. A start would be to sanction Extinction Rebellion from access to the Australian financial system. Secondly, officers can not know what is in those devices. They are essentially the shape and type of device that could also contain an improvised explosive as the honourable member pointed out with the classification contained in his bill of "dangerous attachment devices." As we saw with the assassination of Kim Jong Nam, the assassins believed the devices they were provided were innocuous.

At the court when the previously mentioned offender caused such industrial sabotage, officers tolerate violence upon their persons and interference with their duties. The public does not ask for this. The courts are sacrosanct. Everyone must know that any interference whatsoever with the security of the court will not be tolerated. If it helps then officers at least have my blessing to use force upon anyone who does not respect the physical security of the court. This incident being broadcast on national television puts all our officers in danger. I see five officers who have lost control of a situation at an ingress/egress point to a court of law, too terrified of media scrutiny to be able to perform according to internationally accepted practices. I, like many Australians accept that the use of force is a part of the job. The states' monopoly on the use of force is delegated to its representatives who guard the law. Update your training to teach your officers about Kyle Dinkheller. It is studied internationally as a case in which an officer lost control of a situation and managed to do everything you could possibly do wrong. Even if the delinquent youths are assessed to not pose a threat, dedicating time and diverting attention from situational awareness creates an unnecessary situational hazard.

I do not raise this issue to call for discipline or invite criticism. I believe the officers were acting according to media presentations of the use of force that is often sensationalized which has led to an unnecessary compromise of their safety. It also did not go unnoticed that these four young women were confronting male officers which may have also been a contributing factor. I call on the committee to ensure the commissioner has personally approved sensitivity training, protocols and procedures for male officers to ensure that they do not need to turn their back on aggressive female protestors, expose their sidearm to them, let them abuse and assault male officers and are able to deliver all criminals to justice so that they may stand together united with their more intelligent counterparts

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war hysteria. Personally I am convinced that members of the I. W. W. have in numerous instances been made victims of trumped up charges as well as of illegal outrages; that that in itself is a sufficient ground for helping them in a country of law and freedom; that persecution is not a good way to control this movement, undoubted dangers; that interests influential in working for its suppression are actuated quite as much by fear of its vitality for social betterment as by other motives.

The object of our pamphlet "The Truth about the I. W. W." was to present facts tending to counteract unjust prejudices in the public mind, so diminishing the chance that members of the I. W. W. might, under the influence of such prejudices, be convicted of crimes they did not commit.

Won't you send me a copy of the Criminal Syndicalism statute (if it is a local one) under which your clients were convicted, and let me know what there was in our pamphlet which the judge could regard as teaching the doctrine of sabotage and industrial terrorism?

Let me know if there is anything further I can do. I append a verification under oath. If you require a more formal affidavit, I will be glad to execute it and get it executed here of the Committee.

You will find twenty-four cents to cover the pamphlets and thirty cents to cover notary's fee and certificate.

Yours very truly,

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\$100 bond I had put up to the desk sergeant, and he told me he did not know anything about it, and handed the receipt back to me, which I put in my trousers pocket with the \$75. Twenty-seven dollars in bills was in my coat pocket. We were immediately ordered into the automobiles waiting in the alley. Then we proceeded 1 block north to 1st street, west one-half block to Boulevard Street, north across the Frisco tracks and stopped. Then the masked mob came up and ordered everybody to throw up their hands. Just here I wish to state I never thought any man could reach so high as these policemen did. We were then bound, some with hands in front, some with hands behind, and others bound with arms hanging down their sides, the rope being wrapped around the body. Then the police were ordered to "beat it" which they did, running, and we started for the place of execution. When we arrived there, a company of gowned and masked gunmen were then to meet us standing at "present arms" We were ordered out of the autos, told to get in line in front of these gunmen and another bunch of men, with automatics and pistols lined up between us. Our hands were still held up, those who were bound in front. Then a masked man walked down the line and slashed the ropes that bound us, and we were ordered to strip to the waist, which we did, throwing our clothes in front of us, in individual piles, coats, vests, hats, shorts and undershirts. The boys not having had time to distributed their possessions, that were given back to them at the police station; everything was in the coats, everything we owned in the world.

Then the whipping began. A double piece of new rope, 5/8 or 3/4 hemp, being used, A man, "the Chief" of Detectives stopped the whipping of each man when he thought the victim had enough. After each

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one was whipped another man applied the tar with a large brush, from the head to the rectum. Then a brute smeared feathers over and rubbed them in. After they had satisfied themselves that our bodies were well abused, our clothing was thrown into a pile, gasoline poured on it, and a match applied. By the light of our earthly possessions, we were ordered to leave Tulsa, and leave running and never come back. The night was dark, the road very rough, and as I was one of the last two that was whipped, tarred and feather, and on the rear when ordered to run I decided to be shot, rather than stumble over the rough road. After going forty or fifty feet I stopped and went into the weeds. I told the man with me to get in the weeds also, as the shots were coming very close over us, and ordered him to lie down flat. We expected to be killed but after 150 or 200 shots were fired they got in their autos.

After the last one had left, we went through a barbed wire fence, across a field, called to the boys, collected them, counted up, and had all the 16 safe, though sore and nasty with the tar. After wandering around the hills for some time, ages it seemed to me, we struck the railroad track. One man, Jack Sneed, remembered that he knew a farmer in that vicinity, and he and J. V. Ryan volunteered to find the house. I built a fire to keep us from freezing.

We stood around the fire expecting to be shot, as we did not know but what some tool of the commercial club had followed us. After a long time Sneed returned and called to us, and we went with him to a cabin and found an I. W. W. Friend in the shack and 5 gallons of coal oil or kerosene, with which we cleaned the filthy stuff off of each other and our troubles were over, as friends sent clothing and money to us that day, it being about 3 or 3.30 A. M. when we reached the cabin.

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