

## **SUBMISSION - Summary Offences and Other Legislation**

### **Amendment Bill 2019**

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To: The committee members

I am an older Queensland citizen, born in Queensland, and have lived all (bar 6 years 1983-1989) of my life in the state of Queensland. I am a mother to 3 sons, one sadly gone now, and am currently Nanna to 2 little granddaughters.

I'm active in protesting against inaction by our governments to address human caused climate change. I'm also active in protesting against the development of the Galilee Basin for the mining of climate damaging thermal coal. I support our indigenous peoples, farming, outback communities, artesian water and our native flora and fauna over thermal coal mining.

I fully support protestors willing to use lock-on devices and other forms of NVDA (Non-Violet Direct Action) to bring about political change. Protest is the lynch-pin of democracy, and protest beyond the law has always been the final step when legal protesting fails to force governments to make the right choices their citizens expect of them.

Initiating harsher penalties against those who wish to go against the law for a justifiable cause is abhorrent and wrong. It is the behavior of a dictatorial regime, a suppressive government, not a democratic government, and I condemn it totally.

It is my will, as a Queensland citizen, for you to desist from this anti-democratic course of action immediately.

In the words of Howard Zinn - Protest beyond the law is not a departure from democracy; it is absolutely essential to it.

Sincerely

Lesley Margaret Keegan

