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To: [Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee](#)
Subject: " Dangerous Devices Amendments " legislation
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I wish to express my absolute opposition to the Labor Party's Anti Activism " Dangerous Devices Amendments " legislation . These amendments are being justified using false and misleading information without evidence to substantiate the claims being made. No evidence has been presented, no sworn affidavit backing these spurious claims or evidence of any charges being laid against any protestor for endangering any person, which is clearly an option already available to police and the government if they honestly believed that this was occurring.

Sadly Queensland has very recent history of the abuse of police power and corruption and collusion between government and police in implementing an agenda against the public interest. Attempts to further restrict the fundamental human right to civil disobedience and nonviolent protest is taking Queenslanders back to those dark days of repression and corruption. Throughout history major advances in the moral integrity of our society have only been achieved through illegal protest. Slavery, racial segregation and the subjugation of women were all "legal " in our past, and without illegal protest these very immoral behaviours would not have been outlawed. The current failure of the government to address Climate Change is another very immoral Legal behavior which is very unpopular with a majority of the population, however the corruption of our democratic process by corporate political donations,(particularly the mining industry) leaves ordinary citizens powerless in the face of government inaction and unwillingness to heed expert scientific advice.

It's important to understand the philosophy behind "locking-on". By choosing to put their own bodies in a vulnerable situation, the protesters are appealing to the humanity of police or others to treat them with care and respect. As a symbol of non-violence, the lock-on celebrates a shared social contract where there is implicit trust that neither police nor protesters will use personal violence, but rather the rule of law will prevail in an orderly manner.

Demonising and criminalising honest conscientious citizens for trying to protect our childrens future is the mark of a despotic regime not a democratic government. Please abandon this draconian unnecessary unjust " Dangerous Devices Amendments" legislation.
Sincere regards Eric Oliver. [REDACTED]
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