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Dear Members,

I am a 75 year old Australian woman who has taken part in 4 marches calling for greater action on climate change.

I have never seen any action taken by a demonstrator to cause physical harm to any person.

The idea that you could be searched because a policeman believes that you could be hiding a dangerous device seems to be a way of intimidating people from exercising their right to free speech.

If any demonstrator does use violence they he/she should receive the punishment they deserve under the law.

We need to strongly act to protect the freedom of citizens to protest government action.

I also marched in a protest against Australian involvement in the war against Iraq.

How many lives would have been saved if the Australian government had listened?

You have citizens who are aware of what is happening and do not have vested financial or political interests and can often see issues more clearly and earlier than the government can.

I call on the government to reconsider passing this Bill.

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