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To: [Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee](#)
Subject: Summary Offences and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019
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Dear Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Summary Offences and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

I am writing to you to express my deep concern and opposition to these new laws, which are disproportionate, overreaching, and appear to have no evidential basis.

The justification for this Bill and the new criminal offences and police search powers it proposes originated in serious allegations that protesters were “booby-trapping” devices to harm themselves or others.

To date, there has been NO evidence produced in support of these claims, and it appears to be entirely fabricated. This is a dangerous position from which to be creating new laws.

Citizens have a right to peaceful protest in order to protect freedoms, and in this case - preserve the environment.

This right is protected by section 7 of the Human Rights Act (Qld) and articles 19 and 20 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

To allow legislation that actively undermines the efficacy of protest activity is a disservice to our social growth.

I urge the committee to reject this Bill.

Yours sincerely,
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