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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.

There are existing laws that makes the use of devices that are designed to harm emergency services persons. If activists were in fact engaging in activities that were indenting to cause harm to emergency services persons, they would be charged under those laws.

It appears that the purpose of this legislation is stymie peaceful protest. Peaceful protest is a pillar of democracy and should be protected under law not punished by law. The use of protest tactics that would be made illegal by this law have moved many rights of workers, gender and sexual equality, indigenous rights and environmental protection.

I implore you to not progress this piece of legislation, it is unnecessary and unwarranted. The peaceful use of lock on devices is required to bring attention to the climate crisis that the earth is facing and the role that thermal coal mining is playing in exacerbating climate change.

Kind Regards

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