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Dear Committee Members

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the *Summary Offences and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019* ("The Bill")

I am writing to express my profound concern and my opposition to The Bill.

1. The Bill is an attempt to silence legitimate, non-violent political action by Australian citizens and to criminalise dissent.
2. The Bill is based on a false premise, namely that "lockon" devices are being contaminated by dangerous materials. At no time have police themselves ever reported seeing devices designed to cause harm.
3. The "lockon" device is an Australian invention with a long and proud history of peaceful environmental and political action which has helped save iconic Australian places such as the Franklin River and Queensland's Daintree.
4. The "lockon" device is a means by which ordinary citizens can reduce the power imbalance between themselves and that of vested interests.
5. Many of Australia's social and environmental policies now taken for granted arose out of civil disobedience, including the use of "lockon" devices.

Conclusion:

I urge the Committee to reject The Bill and to protect Queenslanders' right to peaceful protest.