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Submission on the Summary Offences and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019  
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Dear Members,

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

I am writing to you because these laws are extreme and based on no evidence whatsoever.

Protestors practice Non Violent Direct Action, and to suggest that these devices intend to harm anybody - particularly police - simply makes it sound as though the government is overriding our democracy.

Please, have a serious think about how ridiculous this all sounds. Laws like this will not deter protestors; yet instead rid them of their non violent tactic. What forms of protest are left after this? Though I would never expect violence from greenies; I believe taking away their right to peacefully protest will create a gap that others try and fill with methods that may not be as safe or well thought through as these lock-on devices that have been used so much through history.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,  
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