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Regarding [Summary Offences and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019](#)

Dear Members,

Thank you for being able to contribute some comments to you on the legislation (above) which I think to be very draconian unfair and a dangerous use of our legal system against peaceful protesters.

I am a 52 year old Townsville resident and I value greatly the freedom I have to express myself in public.

This legislation seems designed to stop protestors that are deeply concerned about our changing climate and the lack of government action on this.

It is well known that climate protestors use non-violent direct action. However this too is being targeted by your legislation.

The implications of this bill, has the potential to enable police further means to stop and search without a warrant and, in doing so, intimidate peaceful protestors and potentially silence people.

Our present laws are perfectly adequate to manage protestors.

I am old enough to remember the bad old days of Joh Beike-Peterson and therefore I can't believe the Australian Labor Party, with a proud history of doing what's right and fair are endorsing this proposed legislation. It's extremely concerning.

This is draconian, frightening legislation that puts fear into ordinary citizens exercising their democratic right to protest.

Please do not introduce this into law.

Yours sincerely
Penelope Sheridan