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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 deeply concerned and strongly oppose these new laws.

These proposed changes are a dangerous affront to true democracy. They are based on false accusations – no harmful inclusions in lock-on devices are used by activists.

Lock-on devices are not used to attempt to injure police and safety officers. They are used to get a moral point across - strongly.

The lock-on device has been used worldwide for many years in peaceful nonviolent demonstrations and that is how they are used in Australia. Nothing sinister inside or about them!

Our climate is heating.

**And still Australian governments are sanctioning the opening of new mines - giving miners free water over our farmers! How shocking. How must our farmers feel to see their livestock dying from heat and drought knowing Adani will get free water for years, while they go broke trying to pay enormous amounts for trucked water and feed for their remaining animals!**

No life will survive unless we stop digging and burning fossil fuels immediately. The people know this. The people do not want fossil fuels. We do not want to see our country burning. We do not want to see farmers suiciding. We do not want to see the mass extinction of our native fauna and flora.

At this point in history, the only recourse the people have is to perform peaceful non-violent actions.

This MUST not become illegal. Are we a democracy?

Democracy allows free speech by the people.

The right to protest is a recognised pillar of democracy.

The lock-on device is a peaceful non-violent tool for democracy.

Please, I beg you... THROW OUT THIS DREADFUL LIFE ENDING AMMENDMENT.

Australia has a proud history of successful protest movements using civil disobedience. These have advanced the rights of workers, gender and sexual equality, indigenous rights and environmental protection. Many of our national parks today are the result of protest activity which used devices of the kind prohibited under this law. Queensland Labor, which traces its origins to one such illegal protest (the 1891 shearers' strike) should recognize this.

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