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**To:** [Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee](#)  
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Submission:  
To Premier of Queensland:

Thousands of people in Australia are standing up to take civil action on climate change while politicians sit on their hands. The reason for my email is to oppose Queensland Labor's new laws, designed to target, further criminalise and vilify peaceful activists. This new bill is the Summary Offences and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 ("dangerous devices bill"). While these laws are in and of themselves concerning, what is more concerning is they are combined with a broader agenda to silence dissent from the community in the face of accelerating climate change. These laws reflect the tactics of an authoritarian government and do have no place in a democratic society. It is crucial such laws are not passed by parliament.

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