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URGENT!

Submission on the Summary Offences and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

Submission in Objection

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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to register my extreme opposition to the Proposed Bill and its criminalisation of protest.

We have laws that criminalise a person leaving a dog or a child in a hot car, yet your government and your corporate colleagues are turning the planet into a heating death spiral for all the citizens of earth "fiddling round the edges with outmoded laws while Qld burns". Are you going to criminalise a person carrying an implement to open a window on a hot car that has a dog or child in it? There are people dying from Climate Chaos impacts right now!

Australian law is clear - 'callous disregard to an act that causes death is an act of murder' - instead of bringing in new laws against the public that are defending us against your murderous activities, why dont you arrest your malignant selves. Your proposed support for your corporate colleagues to carry on raising the bar on average temperature, which has reduced soil moisture, caused crops to fail, will cause the Great Barrier Reef to die, and is inciting increased bush fires and intensity and longevity of fire seasons, from your governments consent for heavy carbon pollution, is purely State-backed criminalisation of public defense of your State Backed property destruction, violence and murder. Your government's actions to date, are on such a scale as to be rightly described as Crimes Against Humanity.

Stop criminalising self defense and start acting on your and your corporate mates, existing carbon polluting prima facie crimes of murder (and note there is no Statute of Limitation on bringing murder charges against your prima facie culprits).

Failure to acquit your government as responsible manager is just another cause of increasing contempt for our political system that you politicians are creating.

If you won't take on your responsibility to look after a healthy future then how dare you criminalise those that will.

Yours sincerely

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PS:

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.

I pay respect to the First Nations people of this country, and extend that respect to ancestors and elders of the community - past, present and emerging. I recognise that environmental struggles for a sustainable future and climate justice are intrinsically linked to the centuries long resistance of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. We must set our foundations in solidarity with Indigenous peoples and acknowledge that environmental activism in Australia will never be successful without the restoration of land and First Nations sovereignty.