

Delivered by email to all senators, the Prime Minister, Treasurer and Health Minister – refer attachment b.

Dear PM, Treasurer, Health Minister and Senators,

I am an Australian citizen/permanent resident and enrolled to vote in State/Territory and Federal elections.

I refer to the Defence Legislation Amendment (Enhancement of Defence Force Response to Emergencies) Bill 2020 <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2020B00123> hereafter referred to as the 'legislation'.

I have read or learnt of parts of the legislation that are of immense concern namely that Australian and foreign defence and police personnel will have legislated powers to use force against Australian citizens in as yet undefined circumstances.

I hereby declare to all senators and politicians that I unconditionally oppose the legislation in it's entirety and outright reject it's assent.

I do so by withdrawing the implied consent given to parliament to make legislation on my behalf to pass this legislation.

I forewarn that I will give no consent to the future actions enabled by Australian and foreign forces within the legislation against myself or my dependents. I will resist verbally and physically any force used under the legislation should it pass the senate.

Refer Attachment A for further clarification including comments on SarsCOV2.

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ATTACHMENT A

Reason 1

Since federation Australian defence forces have prepared and have been deployed against foreigners to protect Australians. Never has the defence forces been ready to be deployed with the option of the use of force against an Australian citizen under legislation. This is entirely unacceptable.

Reason 2

The Bill's Digest for the legislation contained information the avenue existed for foreign defence and police personnel to have legislated power to use force with immunity against Australian citizens on Australian soil. This legislation removes guaranteed protection for Australians against force by foreigners and places them in a submissive position to foreigners on their streets and in their homes. This effectively ends freedom and rights to self-determination by Australians.

Reason 3

There have been no recorded instances of any events or emergencies within Australia to date that had required the deployment of defence in a role of aggression. The following alludes to the present-day emergency and raises the question that this legislation is for what is to come.

Health related and other declared emergencies have always historically been self-evident. Self-evident meaning observable by, and with impacts on, the population. Historical records on the plague confirm the majority of the population either died, were seriously ill or observed those impacts on others. The Spanish Flu in the early 1900's was identical. Photos of large numbers of the sick and dying and testimonies of those who survived also confirm that health emergency was self-evident to the population. The people complied with directions and policies of the Governments of the day based on a genuine fear of the observable consequences of the Spanish Flu. There was no requirement for defence forces, domestic or foreign, to use force to ensure compliance.

COVID-19 pandemic has been declared an emergency in some parts of Australia however unlike the Spanish Flu, the SarsCOV2 virus is not self-evident to the population. Australian State and Commonwealth Government health authorities have provided information and data that SarsCOV2 is a virus that causes, albeit much reduced, flu like symptoms and the number of fatalities is statistically negligible in both the total number of deaths and deaths from seasonal influenza. This aligns with observations by, and impacts on, the population. The Australian people simply have not experienced any impacts or observed impacts on others by the SarsCOV2 virus.

State and Commonwealth Governments have responded to this non self-evident virus (confirmed by Government information and statistics) by declaring it a pandemic with subsequent emergency measures that has devastated the lives of millions of Australians through the forced closure of small business, mass sudden unemployment, border closures, restrictions on movement and the forced wearing of masks all under threat and issuance of heavy civil financial penalties. That devastation continues indefinitely through the incomprehensible almost one trillion dollars in debt loaded on to future generations of Australians the majority of which, apart from small weekly payments to some displaced workers, went to the banking system and corporations. It is noted that all banks will benefit further from their so called generous deferred loan repayments as interest will still accrue. It is clear to the Australian people that the Government and media slogan of 'we're all in this together' does not apply to banks or corporations.

Had SarsCOV2 been a self-evident emergency with experienced deaths, illness and observations of such on a large scale; the Government decimation of the finances and freedoms of the majority of the people would have received overwhelming support and compliance by the Australian

people. Given SarsCOV2 is non self-evident and confirmed such by Government health authorities, the Australian people are understandably sceptical as to the Government response in particular that the currency created as debt on the people has been given to the banks and corporations. The corporations benefit doubly in that they will increase their market share of the economy by the small businesses destroyed by Government being unable to recover. The looming repayments with extra interest to banks being a major contributor.

Government response to the non self-evident SarsCOV2 pandemic emergency understandably resulted in pockets of protest. The protests were readily suppressed and controlled through heavy civil financial penalties, police violence on the streets and proactive intimidation and threat of violence by police who attended and forcibly entered the homes of Australians. Police had the resources, statutes and numbers to achieve that objective. There was never an instance reported where Police were overwhelmed by protestors as to require additional assistance from Australian defence personnel deployed in logistical roles.

Finally, there is not and has never been a situation that has warranted the deployment of defence forces including foreigners against Australians. Australians have never protested self-evident emergencies but have protested this current non -self-evident health emergency. Is there another non self-evident emergency the parliament envisages is on the horizon for which this legislation has been prepared?

ATTACHMENT B

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