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Manager,

I have become aware of this draft legislation involving the restriction on the use of cash over $10,000 dollars in Australia. As a citizen who values & holds strongly to individual freedoms & privacy I object completely to the progressive & continued forcing of tax paying citizens to use often untrustworthy banking institutions & unreliable electronic banking systems or worse to be deemed an criminal simply through paying for purchases in cash amounts as specified in this draft bill >$10K. The continued & progressive erosion of personal freedoms, liberties & choice of Australian citizens in this way cannot be tolerate in this matter. The classification of a "criminal" or "black economy participant" for simply using the national currency as a medium of exchange for which it was designed & has performed for centuries is clear manipulation or may be deemed as a type of "Third Line Forcing" pressuring individual citizens into using commercial banking systems rather than having other available alternatives. No choice in financial matters is not providing personal liberties & freedom.

We will be communicating & discussing this matter with family, friends & relatives in a manner that is informative & provides understanding of the potential loss of personal freedom & critically individual privacy. Over governance through unnecessary legislation & citizen surveillance associated with all things electronic is both disgraceful, inappropriate & outside the scope of what Australian Citizens deem appropriate for the government of the day to implement or enforce.....this is a breach of privacy, personal disclosure, trust & what will be considered by most "to be informed" Australian's an excessive level of over enforcement, removal of personal choice & legislative over-governance to the extreme. This proposal is of no benefit to the people as it forces transactions of significance to have no other option than through the commercial banking system which many despise as corrupt & untrustworthy.....There will be backlash over this matter politically if this is like many other bills forced through the legislative assembly.....Citizens have had enough of the increasing level of government intervention & rules placed on their lives that strip personal choice & freedom with each new requirement of additional compliance.

Regards,

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