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**Subject:** Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my extreme concern of the Draft Bill that has been prepared for “**Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019**” which will restrict the use of cash payments to $10,000. The explanation of this is to combat fraudulent cash activities but I see it as a blatant disregard for Australians’ basic rights to spend their own money how they wish.

I was appalled when I recently came across an article talking about the new Bill which indicates it will soon become illegal to conduct cash transactions over $10,000. The draft of this legislation was released on the afternoon of Friday 26th July 2019 with a 2 week opportunity for the public to comment but how can they comment if the majority of the community have no idea that it was released! The draft of the bill has 2 notable features:

1. It bans ALL cash transactions over $10,000 enforced with a penalty of two years jail

2. Division 2 is blank containing only the words “To be inserted”

Division 2 being blank is a major concern in itself – does this mean government can fill it out in whatever way they please once the Bill is passed without having to go through the rigour of a full Bill passing?

I implore you to please block this Bill and bring it to the attention of the Australian public before it’s too late. Surely in this technological age there are better ways to combat fraudulent activity without penalising the entire country!

This Bill should NOT go ahead!

Regards,

Liz Dowsett

Concerned Australian Citizen