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Currency (restrictions on the use of cash)act 2019.

Call for submissions .

My name is Alvin Letica , my family fled to this country in 1960 from the former Yugoslavia a communist some would say fascist regime .

We have since then enjoyed the many benefits , prosperity and freedoms of this country . I am a self funded retiree previously involved with small business for many years .

The erosion of civil liberties that is at the core of this bill is of deep concern to me .

The proposed act by way of overseas example will have little or no benefit to the people of Australia in its intended purpose. I would contend it designed to take us down a new path a unknown path that many are suggesting and I agree is the thin edge of the wedge towards what? I wont repeat the alarmist suggestions here .

This bill to be argued thoughtfully and completely needs more clarity, clarity of its definitions , missing sections completed , future changes need to be by legislative process not the mere whim of the minister. And certainly more than two weeks is required to consider it.

I am deeply discouraged when the Banking Royal Commissioner Kenneth Hayne refers to the trust for governmental and private institutions as having been "damaged or destroyed" and yet we are being asked here to trust the minister with the power to amend or change seemingly at will .

Such an enormous change to the way we use cash should be completely transparent, there is certainly an outcry that it is not , I support that view .

This bill seeks to force us to use banks by penalty of gaol.

Our government, a Liberal government forcing us to use private institutions, institutions that the Royal Commission findings that showed were acting in ways detrimental to their clients.

Institutions the Royal Commissioner suggests are untrustworthy.

This together with the Bail in Bill (snuck also thru parliament) we are being forced to trust the untrustworthy.

In conclusion, if the true intent of this act is to go after tax dodgers and the black economy rewrite it be transparent make future changes happen thru parliament not a single minister show the cost benefit to the Australian people of this amount of removal of a very basic civil liberty will delivery and allow sufficient time so that the people can have a proper say.

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