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**Sent:** Sunday, 11 August 2019 7:10 PM  
**To:** RG - Black Economy <Blackeconomy@treasury.gov.au>  
**Subject:** My submission on the Cash Ban Bill

To Whom It May Concern,

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thankyou for the opportunity to register my submission on the proposed Cash Ban Bill.

I wish to record my great concern at the proposed ban of cash transactions greater than $10000.

My reason is very simple:

**I believe it will not be long before the Reserve Bank leads us into negative interest rates.**

This will have profound consequences for savers with funds on deposit. A negative interest rate effectively implies the same outcome on savings as a tax.

This is because for every $100 invested there may be only $99.50 or thereabouts redeemed at the end of the term.

The obvious consequence is savers will want to get their funds out of the banking system and keep it as cash. They may choose to keep it in a safety deposit box or keep it themselves, but either way they will want to have it as **cash** because their savings will not lose any value in that form.

Negative interest rates leave me with a very eerie feeling. If enough savers realise what is happening and try to cash out their deposits it could put the banking system under enormous pressure.

In addition storing large amounts of cash is clearly a very risky thing for normal citizens to try to do.

You are very welcome to contact me if you wish to discuss my views further.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

James Rackham