

## Inquiry into the Government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic

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### YOUR SUBMISSION

#### **Submission:**

It is our Will that NO foreign military forces are to be "Armed and Ready" to act in any capacity on the streets of Australia nor to hold power or authority over We The People of Australia

I oppose and do not support this section 123AA of this bill, and reject the section in it's entirety.

Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective and opinion on this matter.

With regards

#### **Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:**

respect of anything the protected person does or omits to do, in good faith, in the performance or purported performance of the protected person's duties, if:

- (a) the duties are in respect of the provision of assistance, by or on behalf of the ADF or the Department, to:
  - (i) the Commonwealth or a State or Territory, or a Commonwealth, State or Territory authority or agency; or
  - (ii) members of the community; and
- (b) the assistance is provided to prepare for a natural disaster or other emergency that is imminent, or to respond to one that is occurring or recover from one that occurred recently; and
- (c) the assistance is provided at the direction of the Minister under subsection (2).

(3) Each of the following is a protected person:

- (a) a member of the Defence Force;
- (b) an APS employee in the Department;
- (c) a person authorised under subsection (4) to perform duties in respect of the provision of assistance mentioned in subsection (1).

(4) The Chief of the Defence Force, or the Secretary, may, in writing, authorise a person, or each person in a class of persons, to perform duties in respect of the provision of assistance mentioned in subsection (1), if the person, or each person in the class of persons, is any of the following:

- (a) an APS employee or other employee of the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth authority or agency;
- (b) a member of the naval, military or air force of a foreign country, or a member of a foreign police force (however described).

It enables the ADF and Reserves to be used in “emergencies” but “emergencies” is undefined. Bush fire assistance is one emergency which might be justified but so could certain so-called “disruptive” industrial actions or “disruptive” mass freedom protests or any protests of any size be considered “emergencies”? These are legitimate actions in our democracy but being confronted or suppressed by the Defence Forces or Reserves would not be a legitimate use of these Forces in a healthy democracy.

Further the legislation includes the use of foreign military forces and foreign police to assist in “emergencies”, which is of MAJOR concern to our Australian Democracy.

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