**OBJECTION TO THE EXPOSURE DRAFT (CURRENCY RESTRICTION ON THE USE OF CASH) BILL 2019**

This submission objects to the draft:

· Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019;

· Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash – Expected Transactions) Instrument 2019; and

· Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2019.

I am familiar with

(a) Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Crisis Resolution Powers and Other Measures) Act 2018 and its associated Memorandum wherein s5.15 provides for the conversion of instruments that would otherwise not be considered capital..  I am familiar with the debate surrounding this legislation now commonly referred to as BAIL IN  I am aware:

      (i) government claiming that deposits are not part of 'BAIL IN' but refusing to amend to legislation to explicitly exclude deposits

      (ii) government unable/refusing to explain why Australia has such as privileged position to exclude deposits when as part of the 2009 G20 agreement they were included and domestic legislation in countries elsewhere - UK, USA, Europe, Canada and NZ have included deposits

      (iii) the ease, if not secrecy uner the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act 1998, with which APRA's Prudential Standard or Prudential Requirement Regulation can direct a change in the Terms and Conditions of depositors' accounts

(b) I made submission to the Separation of Banks Reform Bill Feb 2019 and have read the Committee's report.  It was appalling and leveraged protection of the status quo on the Financial Claims Scheme as a 'guarantee' on deposits.

(c) I am familiar with the Financial Claim Scheme legislation and in particular

     (i) it has no funding

     (ii) it is activated at government discretion

     (iii) the administrative process provides for substantial delays on any guarantee

(iv) activation is only after the collapse of an ADI as opposed to the FSLA Act with is triggered in the first instance

(d) the current global and national economic landscape is parlous and includes but not necessary exclusive to:

     (i) Precarious state of Deutsche bank -

     (ii) BREXIT

     (iii) US-China trade wars

     (iv) junk corporate bonds

     (v)  household debt in Australia

     (vi) bank mortgage exposure to 'home' loans at a % higher than anywhere on the globe

(vii) declining interest rates and already the notion of negative interest rates in Australia being part of 'talk'.

(viii) banks, such as HSBS, are changing their terms and conditions on depositor’s account 1.7.19 to provide exemption from liability on say 9 different criteria is losses are incurred.

(viv) once respected institutions, the findings of the Royal Commission, consequences of deregulation and what can only be described as political duplicity by elected representatives and failures in our regulatory bodies has made the Australian financial system high risk.

In is in context of the above that I have substantive reason to object to this currency restriction Bill and am appalled at the smoke and mirrors of how it is being leveraged as an instrument addressing the ‘black economy’.

**Reason:**

1. money laundering at the scale to interfere with monetary policy will continue aided and abetted by existing accounting methods.
2. The Commonwealth and the Black Economy Taskforce have not provided sufficient robust evidence to substantiate it would met it’s objective.
3. In context of the accumulative experiences since the GFC, would position depositor’s monies for BAIL IN
4. The Bill is an affront to my rights and privacy to chose how I transact my financial affairs.

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