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**Subject:** Currency restrictions on the Use of cash Bill 2019

Dear Sir,

I write to oppose the proposed Currency restrictions on the Use of cash Bill 2019. While the Black Economy Taskforce “recommends this action to tackle tax evasion and other criminal activities” this proposed bill is a clear infringement on an Australians right to use legal tender as they see fit. Criminals will always find ways to fund activities. These proposed changes will not change that at all but it will turn everyday Australians into “criminals.” These changes are just another example of over regulation. I hope local MP’s will strongly oppose changes which take away more rights from law abiding citizens.

On the ATO website it states “Your employer may pay your wages to you in cash (or with a cash cheque), rather than into your bank account. Paying wages in cash is legal and may be more convenient.” If someone is legally paid in cash they must not be criminalized for spending this cash as they see fit. For example a person being paid cash may then pay cash for a new shed to be built. They’ve earnt the money and they must be entitled to spend it as they see fit.

I trust you will carefully consider the implications of burdening your constituents with further authoritarian legislation.

Your Sincerely, Mary

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