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To whom it may concern,

I write as a very concerned, seventh generation Australian, about the facist proposal of this government to implement a ban on the use of cash in transactions above the amount of $10,000 per the above named legislation. Clearly, this is a fundamental attack on the freedoms of citizens to transact within the economy and to trade freely as they so wish. I am a law abiding citizen, having spent 27 years serving as a member of Victoria Police, and I do not agree with the stated theme behind this legislation regards money laundering and trading in a black economy. The recent and historical evidence via the Royal Commission and numerous court cases would suggest the main culprits of these crimes are banks and financial institutions. Having been out of the police force for some five years now, I have worked in several areas of the economy and have found that the supposed cash economy is long gone. Even labouring jobs in the building industry are all by the book, as far as I can see.

I protest strongly against this invasion of my freedom to transact in cash with the threat of being made into a criminal for using the very currency issued by the Reserve Bank of Australia. This is absurd to say the least. My forefathers settled this country, built this country and fought wars for this country to get away from the tyranny of oppressive government power and to be free citizens. This is a filthy attack on our liberties and a step towards a facist state.

I submit that this legislation is a cover for the forced deployment of all cash into the banking system with the motive of government control and eventual bail-in of deposits.

I object in the strongest of terms, this disgusting criminalisation of now lawful commerce.

Chris Hughes