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Sent: Thursday, 22 June 2023 5:23 PM
To: Committee, PJCIS (REPS)
Subject: Re: [SEC=OFFICIAL] RE: Nazi ban

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From: Mark Bradley [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2023 4:58 PM
To: Committee, PJCIS (REPS) <pjcis@aph.gov.au>
Subject: Re: [SEC=OFFICIAL] RE: Nazi ban

To whom it may concern,

I would like to add further to my previous comments, thank you for the opportunity.

When I first heard of the pending legislation, I contacted the relevant member of parliament here in WA and received a response that the proposed bans would not affect genuine "Bona Fide collectors"

It appears that this will not be the case, in fact collectors and dealers will be the hardest hit. We all agree with the banning of public display and flaunting of both the Nazi symbols and the Isis flag, but being unable to trade WW2 German memorabilia is a step too far. The only people this is hurting are every day hard working Aussies such as myself. I am a working tradesman on the cusp of retirement and I have been collecting militaria for over 50 years and while the bulk of my collection will not be affected by the ban, I do have some high value items which will become valueless overnight. We took a massive hit financially during Covid where I was unable to work, interest rates

are climbing, my superannuation is still struggling to recover, and now another valuable asset will become worthless.

We are purely Collectors of history, and in the course of this we do buy, sell and trade items as the collection changes and grows over time. I was hoping to gradually sell my collection over the coming years to supplement my retirement income. Other people will have part of their collection held within their superannuation and will no longer be able to sell it. Dealers have tens or hundreds of thousands tied up in stock, what will become of this? When firearms rules were changed, a buy back was offered, are there plans for this.

To my knowledge, there are no such restrictions in Germany itself, but the trade is quite regulated. I put forward the scenario of a bookshop owner who has a book pertaining to the Third Reich, will he be subject to 12 months jail time for selling said book? This seems reminiscent of the very regime that is being targeted.

My father was an RAF pilot and flying instructor during WW2, and was shot down over France in 1940, he held no malice towards the Germans and was in fact a collector himself. He passed away several years ago and I sold his extensive collection of militaria. Would I now be subject to a jail term for doing so today, or would he be targeted as a neo Nazi ?

There is a fine line between curbing hate speech and allow free speech. I fail to see how this ban will adversely affect the people it targets, but will be detrimental to the huge collecting fraternity.

Are you trying to erase history in the passing of these laws, and what will be the next nation to be targeted. I know of several people from the RSL of which I am a member, who hate the Japanese and objected to the 'sister city' program that my town is part of.

Will we ban American militaria because of their known offences in Vietnam?

In summation, I admit I'm not particularly eloquent, but I feel that this legislation will unfairly target a legitimate section of the community. I have collector friends who are school teachers, a geologist, retired army Major etc. all very law abiding citizens.

I am a great-grandfather, foster carer, and grandfather to two part aboriginal girls and probably the furthest from a terrorist as can possibly be. I object to being grouped together with neo Nazi and isis organisations, and agree that they should be suppressed.

I thank you for the opportunity to voice my humble opinion,

Kind regards

Mark Bradley

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Dear Mr Bradley

I can now confirm that the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security has commenced a review into the [Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment \(Prohibited Hate Symbols and Other Measures\) Bill 2023](#).

Would you like your comments below to be considered as a submission to the inquiry and for your name to be published or would you like to prepare a different document as a submission?

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-----Original Message-----

From: Committee, PJCIS (REPS)

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 11:46 AM

To: Mark Bradley [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Nazi ban

Dear Mr Bradley

Whilst the Attorney-General did flag that the Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Prohibited Hate Symbols and Other Measures) Bill 2023 would come to the PJCIS to inquire into this has not yet occurred. If the Committee does resolve to inquire into this Bill you may wish to prepare a submission outlining your concerns.

Kind regards

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Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 9:58 AM

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To whom it may concern

It was with dismay that the collecting community learnt recently of the proposed ban on symbols and the extent of the bill. While we all agree with the public display and possible glorification of the said symbols, the banning of trade is one step too far.

I am a tradesman and great grandfather getting ready to retire, and after a lifetime of collecting militaria I was hoping to sell my collection gradually over a period of time to supplement retirement. My father was an RAF pilot during the war and was shot down by the Luftwaffe, but I hold no malice, it was 80 years ago.

Many of my friends are collectors in this field and have significantly more money invested in these items than I do. I feel that the proposal to ban the sale of German militaria is going down the same path as the regime it is trying to erase all memory of.

None of us are neo Nazi sympathisers, in fact one of my fellow collectors is a recently retired army major, and another is a retired CEO of a big company, another is a working geologist.

Please keep in mind the impact of these draconian laws on simple hard working Aussies, Kind regards, Mark Bradley

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