Inquiry: Counter Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Prohibited Hate symbols and other measures) Bill 2023

To whom it may concern,

I Michael Watson would like to lodge the following Submission:

Firstly I would like to confirm I am not a Neo Nazi or Terrorist nor do I condone anything about them or their views.

I have been a collector of military artifacts decades now for all conflicts including WW2 German military items for their Historic significance only.

I am very concerned with the new proposal to make it a criminal offence to Buy, Sell, Trade or even to own WW2 German military artifacts. Its a harmless hobby enjoyed by hundreds of Australians in the collecting community for Historic military purposes only and has absolutely nothing to do with the Neo Nazi movement nor to glorify Hitlers Nazi Party or to represent symbols of hate.

If this proposed bill goes through it will do nothing but disadvantage all honest Australian military history collectors like myself.

Thank You

Regards Mike Watson

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