

Australian Greens Dissenting Report

1.1 This legislation is unnecessary at this time.

1.2 The negotiation process between Australia and the World Trade Organisation with regard to the Agreement of Government procurement has not been finalised. This bill should be postponed until these negotiations are concluded.

1.3 If the government decides to bring this legislation on before the negotiations are complete at least the ten day limit on bringing proceedings to seek an injunction should be amended to be a longer period.

1.4 If the current ten day limit is retained it would most likely result in many court proceedings beginning with an unnecessary process of seeking a waiver.

1.5 The Greens supports a procurement system that is transparent and readily understood by all parties and that works to expand jobs in Australia.

Recommendation

1.6 That the bill not be passed.

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