

I wish to endorse what Margaret Waspe has so clearly stated in her email today.

The extent of control the proposed measures would exert on the whole of Australian society would set it well on the path to making it into a totalitarian regime, no longer a democracy.

Born in Scotland and having experienced control for much of my life on a personal level, I know how much control cripples on physical, mental and spiritual levels. It is in Australia with its many forms of artistic and spiritual expression that I broke free from that control to be able to express myself as I am today.

Those people who inspire us with their creations, be they artistic or poetic, would be the first to fall under the proposed sedition measures as they are often outspoken and have us question the powers that be.

Australia is at present a vibrant country, full of potential, not only for itself, but as an example to the world. Please consider well that the proposed measures would greatly diminish the capabilities of Australia to being a positive force in the world.

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