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It is a huge step to remove from any citizen their legal right under the common law to pursue a claim in court. The law should be available to everyone. This is one of the foundation stones of our democracy. The furtherance of the economic interests of one particular sector of society is not a sufficient justification for this step, especially when the legal claim that would be suppressed has the aim of remedying other breaches of the law.

In addition a well recognised means of effecting change in our society is through civil disobedience. Obviously there must be limits on the nature and extent of the disobedience. That is however not what this Bill proposes to do. It aims simply to increase the prejudice that a proponent of change must suffer in order to be effective, with the obvious intention of suppressing protest completely. This again is not consistent with the democracy in which we like to think that we live.