

**Submission  
No 89**

**INQUIRY INTO MODERN SLAVERY ACT 2018 AND  
ASSOCIATED MATTERS**

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Dear committee members, I am writing in support of the MSA, as an Australian citizen with a MA from the University of Melbourne and a PhD from the University of Cambridge which led me to teach for over thirty years at the Gregorian University (Rome). Now back in Australia, I have authored or co-authored 74 published books, with fifteen of these appearing with Oxford University Press. (You can check the rest of my story in the latest Australian Who's Who.) While supporting the 2018 MSA of New South Wales and the amendments and regulations that have followed, I am concerned that the Act was not implemented as planned on 1 July 2019. I would firmly urge that the Act be proclaimed and go into operation immediately. Let me add that I vigorously endorse the submission to you made by the War on Slavery. With all best wishes,  
Gerald O'Collins, SJ, AC.