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From: webmaster@apsc.gov.au [<mailto:webmaster@apsc.gov.au>]
Sent: Wednesday, 16 November 2016 11:01 AM
To: APSC - Ethics Advisory Service
Subject: A submission to "Making public comment"

A new submission has been made on the "Making public comment" page:

Form Information

Site Name	APSC
Site Id	46019
Page Standard Name	Making public comment
Page Standard Id	85627
Page Custom Form Name	Social media - your comments
Page Custom Form Id	87348
Url	http://www.apsc.gov.au/working-in-the-aps/making-public-comment/social-media-your-comments
Submission Id	88792
Time of Submission	16 Nov 2016 11:00 am
Submission IP Address	152.91.68.17

Comment

Does the Commissioner really expect the Australian Public Service to suddenly turn into the Soviet Public Service. It is NOT acceptable for him to attempt to limit our speech and political freedoms. I will personally start legal proceedings against the Commissioner if he attempts to limit my freedom of speech or association. This proposal is not acceptable and is a direct threat to the democracy I have served almost my entire life. I have a question for the Commissioner - does he even believe in democracy and freedom of speech and association?

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From: webmaster@apsc.gov.au [mailto:webmaster@apsc.gov.au]
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Url	http://www.apsc.gov.au/working-in-the-aps/making-public-comment/social-media-your-comments
Submission Id	89220
Time of Submission	21 Nov 2016 10:46 am
Submission IP Address	144.53.226.17

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Comment

As a Public Servant I have been effectively 'gagged' by the current and previous Tory governments. I have de-friended all work colleagues on Social Media, and now do not provide any opinion on politics or society whatsoever on social media out of fear of being monitored and losing my job or being reprimanded. So this has a negative effect on intercourse with my colleagues and the social fabric of my workplace. My right to expressing an opinion/free speech has been removed in exchange for a pathetic wage, and I am not happy about it at all. An extremely draconian state of affairs.

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From: webmaster@apsc.gov.au [<mailto:webmaster@apsc.gov.au>]
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Subject: A submission to "Making public comment"

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Page Standard Name	Making public comment
Page Standard Id	85627
Page Custom Form Name	Social media - your comments
Page Custom Form Id	87348
Url	http://www.apsc.gov.au/working-in-the-aps/making-public-comment/social-media-your-comments
Submission Id	89315
Time of Submission	22 Nov 2016 1:58 pm
Submission IP Address	192.102.239.195

Comment

The current limits, or implied limits, on public servants being able to make comment on private social media accounts on private time are unacceptable. The APS may be apolitical, yes, but as a public servant, I retain my rights of association, within certain limits. Why should my right to free speech on matters which may pertain to my rights of association be so much more limited to suit the political whim of the day? Apolitical does not mean 'silenced for the benefit of the (currently ugly) political process'. I am not employed as a brainless drone or a stooge, don't treat me like one.

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