I would like to add my protest against Nicola Roxon's bill that has the power to stop us from expressing our views and effectively taking away our right to freedom of speech.

We have become the nanny state of all the world and we should not be intimidated into accepting everything that Senators come up with. There are so many bills that have been passed by Government which are totally ridiculous and not helpful in society at all. People need to grow a backbone and not take everything that is said to heart or in a negative way.

E.g. Where does the Government get the idea that discipline and correction is their God given right. Who are the parents? No wonder we have so many juvenile delinquents getting into all sorts of crime because all they get from the government is a slap on the wrist. Where is the deterrent?No the Government would rather threaten the parents and take away their rights to bring up their children as they seem fit. Admittedly there are exceptions at times, but most people do not abuse their children.

I do not condone child abuse but I do agree that a smack on the bottom(this needs to start at a young age and not done in anger)will make children think twice before repeating their behaviour.

We used to be the lucky country but now because of all new laws and regulations we are the most over taxed country in the world it makes Australia a laughing stock and I hate to wake up each morning not knowing what other legislation has been passed without consulting The People(us) .

We voted you in and should be able to vote you out, you work for us not we for you.

We are old aged pensioners who are struggling everyday to exist, not live mind you just exist . High water bills, electricity,food, petrol make it almost impossible to live on the pension . How would the Senators like to eat baked beans on toast three times a week because of the price of meat fruit and vegetables. We live in fear of thugs and hoodlums who roam our streets looking for things they can destroy or damage because they do not have respect for other peoples things and we can no longer just enjoy a walk in the street or park for fear of being attacked by thugs who just want a bit of

fun or to support their drug habit.

Also on the other hand a Government that thinks up new ways to tax us with every conceivable idea so that we can no longer enjoy our old age but only have death to look forward to. Thanks for nothing .It is no fun living in Australia, we are discriminated against if we do not have private health cover,the hospitals put you on the bottom of the list and now can no longer operate on hips or knees unless you come under a certain weight. Some of our tablets are also very expensive because

They are not on the free list. One of my tablets cost $62.50 every month and I can no longer afford to get them so I have to put up with some very nasty problems which make me very miserable.

It is no fun becoming old and I sincerely hope that the next generation gets their act together and change some of these things for the better of everyone.