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After Clause 18

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After Clause 18, insert the following new Clause –

“Protection for journalists and others monitoring protests

A constable may not exercise any police power for the principal purpose of preventing a person from observing, recording, or otherwise reporting on a protest or the exercise of police powers in relation to –

- (a) a protest-related offence,
- (b) a protest-related breach of an injunction, or
- (c) activities related to a protest.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new Clause would protect journalists, legal observers, academics, and bystanders who monitor or record protests or the police's use of powers related to protests.

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