

25/6/2021.

OASA REVIEW.

DEAR SIR/MADAM,
IT IS PERHAPS A COMMENT ON THE POTENTIAL FOR INTIMIDATION THAT I FEEL IT UNSAFE TO PUT MY NAME TO THIS LETTER. MY REASON IS THAT POSSIBLY A FUTURE GOVERNMENT MAY CHOOSE TO TARGET SUPPORTERS OF THE OASA.

NO STATE CAN FUNCTION IF WITNESS INTIMIDATION UNDERMINES THE POLICE/COURTS. IN IRELAND ESPECIALLY WE HAVE A HISTORY OF THIS DURING THE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE, WIDESPREAD WITNESS INTIMIDATION UNDERMINED THE POLICE + COURTS. THIS EVENTUALLY FORCED THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES TO DECLARE MARTIAL LAW - WHICH BARELY SOLVED THE PROBLEM IN THE COURTS BUT CREATED AN EVEN MORE CHAOTIC POLICING SITUATION. WITNESS INTIMIDATION CAUSED A DOWNWARD SPIRAL OF WORSE + WORSE JUSTICE + POLICING IN IRELAND UNTIL INDEPENDENCE. TODAY, ~~THE~~ THE SCC FUNCTIONS TO SHORT CIRCUIT A SIMILAR SPIRAL BEFORE IT CAN START.

TIMES ARE OBVIOUSLY BETTER TODAY, BUT WITNESS INTIMIDATION HASN'T GONE AWAY YOU KNOW. EVEN IF IT DID, THE SCC IS A NECESSARY TOOL FOR THE STATE TO MAINTAIN IN CASE OF ~~THE~~ FUTURE THREATS.

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THAT BEING SAID, THERE IS SCOPE FOR
THE COURT'S POWERS TO BE ABUSED. I LEAVE
IT TO THE REVIEW GROUP TO CONSIDER
NECESSARY SAFEGUARDS. I ONLY WISH TO
EXPRESS THE VIEW THAT THE COURT SHOULD
NOT BE SCRAPPED OR DIMINISHED.

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