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SQUASH THE SQUATTERS!

In the coming weeks, I will introduce the Real Property Amendment (Adverse Possession Abolition) Bill 2024 to the NSW Parliament. This bill will abolish squatters rights on private property in New South Wales. The sanctity of private property rights is the bedrock of Western Civilization. Socialist charlatans masquerading as homeless advocates support the theft of unused private property. Under the current law this can legal under 'adverse possession' laws or as it is more commonly known, 'squatters rights'. According to statues as old as 1900 and 1969, if a squatter resides in unused or abandoned private property that is unlocked and unguarded continuously for 12 years they may assert a claim to the NSW Department of Lands and Property to claim ownership of the property. This person must demonstrate a genuine or intended possession of the property with the clear intent of excluding all others. In short, the theft of the unused private property can become legally recognised by the NSW government and the squatter becomes the new owner of the unused property. Having these archaic laws on the books provides an incentive for the professionalisation of squatting. This bill seeks to abolish that incentive. The Libertarian Party supports the primacy of private property and utterly opposes theft in all forms, including squatting. The squatting lobby want to stir up envy. Those who sincerely care about the housing crisis should join our call for deregulating zoning laws. My Adverse Possession Abolition Bill 2024 will eradicate the possibility of 'legalized squatting' from New South Wales. I will be seeking support from my parliamentary colleagues to pass this necessary reform. I will introduce the Real Property Amendment (Adverse Possession Abolition) Bill 2024 to the NSW Parliament. This bill will abolish squatters rights on private property in New South Wales. The sanctity of private property rights is the bedrock of Western Civilization. Socialist charlatans masquerading as homeless advocates support the theft of unused private property. Under the current law this can legal under 'adverse possession' laws or as it is more commonly known, 'squatters rights'. According to statues as old as 1900 and 1969, if a squatter resides in unused or abandoned private property that is unlocked and unguarded continuously for 12 years they may assert a claim to the NSW Department of Lands and Property to claim ownership of the property. This person must demonstrate a genuine or intended possession of the property with the clear intent of excluding all others. In short, the theft of the unused private property can become legally recognised by the NSW government and the squatter becomes the new owner of the unused property. Having these archaic laws on the books provides an incentive for the professionalisation of squatting. This bill seeks to abolish that incentive. The Libertarian Party supports the primacy of private property and utterly opposes theft in all forms, including squatting. The squatting lobby want to stir up envy. Those who sincerely care about the housing crisis should join our call for deregulating zoning laws. My Adverse Possession Abolition Bill 2024 will eradicate the possibility of 'legalized squatting' from New South Wales. I will be seeking support from my parliamentary colleagues to pass this necessary reform.

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