

ALEISHA BROWN, Candidate FOR MAKIN

SANDY BIAR, Candidate FOR ADELAIDE

CHASER \$1 OFFER FOR DEMOCRAT PROTECTION

Chaser Julian Morrow has offered young Democrats candidates, Sandy Biar and Aleisha Brown \$1 for their proposed bill to protect satirists from prosecution under APEC style security laws.

“I have to own up. My Chaser Defence Bill was thrown together pretty quickly so I was thrilled that Julian Morrow endorsed it said Aleisha Brown, a 20 year old law student standing for the seat of Makin.

“I reckon the Democrat Chaser Bill is worth more than a dollar. But the Chasers can have it for free. That’s the way Democrats are – we come up with good ideas for the public good, “ said Sandy Biar, a 21 year old graduate in International Studies. “After all we are the original climate change party”.

“The Democrats are extending their offer of protection from humourless draconian government to all Australians in this election,” said Sandy Biar.

“We enjoyed our chat with Julian Morrow on 891. But this is a serious initiative. The Liberals have been taking away our freedoms and Labor has just sat by and said nothing,” said Ms Brown.

“APEC was the last straw” said Sandy. “It just shows that authoritarian governments might start with abstract things like human rights and justice. But sooner or later they’ll come after things that every Australian values – like our sense of humour, said Sandy Biar.

DEMOCRATS CHASER DEFENCE BILL

Where a person, who has otherwise committed an offence, can show:

- 1. That their activities were for the purposes of making a political statement*
- 2. That their activities were not contrary to the purposes of creating the offence*
- 3. That their activities did not cause harm to another person*

They will have a full defence to the charge. The burden of proof would be on the party trying to make the defence, on the balance of probabilities.

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