

NATIONAL PROTEST - 1PM SATURDAY, FEDERATION MALL, CANBERRA - All anti-censorship protesters who've taken part in the national rallies in all capital cities will converge at Parliament in Canberra to participate in the March in March demonstration. (<http://www.marchinmarch.org>) This event is organised by the Digital Liberty Coalition, an apolitical coalition of multiple activist groups from left to right including Electronic Frontiers Australia, GetUp!, and support from most major parties.

THE BLACK LIST: On Thursday the ACMA black list was leaked, all sites on this list have been examined and some interesting statistics have arisen. These will be announced and addressed on Saturday in detail. Specifics include how few of the sites are actual domains, or A-class domains; how many are incorrect hits (a dentist, and some gambling sites, wikipedia!), and how the majority are TGP 'generic' porn sites where all models are over 18 with ID's kept on file by photographers.

As the Government is holding open consultations with the public on a Human Rights Act, it is still pushing forward with a clandestine censorship agenda online in what has been called 'the biggest threat to civil liberties in Australian history', the effects of this censorship plan on students, academics, journalism, and personal freedoms is inhibitive let alone the impact it will have on Australia's technological infrastructure potentially slowing internet access in our nation by up to half it's current speed.

It will also mark the launch of the Blue Button Campaign (<http://www.bluebutton.org.au>), a resurfacing of the 'Blue Ribbon Campaign' as used by the EFF in the United States to raise awareness of the dire consequences of censorship. Free speech is a preconditioned requirement to all other civil liberties, if one cannot object publicly to national policy the democratic process ceases to be democratic.

Our past events have seen thousands march upon their capital cities and have drawn media coverage from all major networks, newspapers, magazines and news sites on the issue of censorship. Our speakers will include Fiona Patten from the Australian Sex Party, founder of the Eros Foundation, speakers from the EFA, Mr. Kaye MP from the Greens, and include live entertainment by the likes of A.COE, Super Best Friends, and Dave the Happy Singer. Presenting activism and direct action in an upbeat and entertaining fashion, the protest follows the usual DLC trend of drawing onlookers in droves and getting a message home whilst showing political activism and defence of civil liberties need not be a moribund affair.

The Digital Liberty Coalition ('DLC') is the largest direct action network engaging the public and lobbying parliament to take censorship off the table for good. The DLC will be holding it's national rally this Saturday in Canberra, Federation Mall. Press welcome at 11am, public at 1pm.

Please note, media are encouraged to arrive between 11-1 for interviews with DLC representatives and other speakers to expedite dissemination of news.

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For more information, please see the following URL's: -

<http://www.dlc.asn.au>
<http://www.nocensorship.info>
<http://www.marchinmarch.org>
<http://www.bluebutton.org.au>

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