

Bank victims and experts on bank misconduct going to Canberra

Summary:

Victims of bank misconduct are heading to Canberra on Nov 21 to make sure politicians hear and understand how their lives have been affected. Experts in the field such as Dr Evan Jones will show you what bankers are hiding.

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#TTTRally - Parliament House Canberra and beyond - Monday November 21

Thousands of people right around the country will be protesting about the crime, corruption and scandals plaguing the banking and finance sector. The hub of the protest will be held outside Parliament House. Victims of bank crimes are coming from as far as Perth to speak at the rally. Organisers expect around one thousand people to attend in Canberra on Monday November 21. However, at exactly the same time, right around the country protesters will be gathering outside

their Federal members' electoral offices where they will tell those passing by what sort of damage an untrustworthy banking system inflicts on all of us. Petitions asking for a powerful Royal Commission will be signed and real-time updates, with text commentary, video and photos, from participants at each location, will be uploaded to a private forum for active supporters who cannot attend.

CBA Bank victim Suzi Burge instigated the rally and has been assisted with organisation by the Bank Reform Now team and its founder Dr Peter Brandson. Suzi is traveling from Tasmania to tell the crowd how it came about that CBA unconscionably evicted her and daughter Alex from their home.

In addition to victims telling their stories special guests and experts have been invited. Key speaker Dr Evan Jones - lectured in Political Economy at Sydney University between 1973 and 2006. He has assisted countless people suffering from bank inflicted poverty and desperation. He has detailed systemic and systematic abuses particularly involving NAB and CBA. Dr Jones told us that "Corruption is rampant in the finance sector. In 1980 its gross income was 5.1% of total corporate income; by 2015 it was 23.6%."

Dr Brandson says that "governments of all persuasions have enabled the sector to take a far greater share of the people's wealth than is reasonable in a civilised democracy. Many people in our towns and cities have been burned but their voices have not been heard. Now they will all be heard: families, farmers, business owners. If you can get to Canberra please do so. If we don't stand united we will continue to see unconscionable and predatory looting of the nation and its people."

Every MP and Senator as well as their staff have been invited to attend and listen to the victims and experts. BRN has asked for a special consideration to be made to enable all politicians to leave the building and hear what the people have to say. The rally is not about giving politicians a soapbox to rehash tired speeches. The speakers and crowd have come to Canberra to deliver a dose of truth to Mr Turnbull and his colleagues.

Dr Brandson explains, "Insurance scams, financial planner scandals, mortgage fraud, credit card rip offs, abuses of farmers & small businesses, excessive fees and penalties are just the tip of the iceberg. Banks have been fined billions of dollars in the USA and Europe but the bankers are not jailed and the victims are not properly compensated. In Australia banks have barely received a slap on the wrist. Abuses persist because the proceeds of crime exceed the penalties. That equation must be changed and Australia can lead the world - if we join together to demand reform. The #TTTRally is your opportunity to start."

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