Video: SEP meeting to oppose anti-democratic electoral laws—preview

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The following video features short excerpts from a meeting held yesterday by the Socialist Equality Party in Australia to discuss the campaign launched by the party to defeat the anti-democratic electoral laws rushed through the Australian parliament on August 26.

The new laws target so-called minor political parties, those without parliamentary seats, who are now required to submit a list of 1,500 members, treble the previous number, in less than three months or face de-registration.

The legislation also gives the Australian Electoral Commission the power to ban parties from using certain words in their names, including “socialist” or “communist,” if another registered party claims it.

This preview features:

• Mike Head, a national committee member of the SEP and a regular writer for the WSWS

• Oscar Grenfell, regular writer of the WSWS, national convener of the International Youth and Students for Social Equality (IYSSE) and national committee member of the SEP

• Cheryl Crisp, National Secretary of the SEP

• Eric London, a national committee member of the US section of the SEP, writer for the WSWS and author of the book *Agents: The FBI and GPU Infiltration of the Trotskyist Movement*.

The full video will be released tomorrow.

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