

# *Search for Your Rights*

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## Arrest reveals absurd injustice

The arrest of Sean Gransch reveals the tragic ridiculousness of Barnett's 'exclusion notices', says Search For Your Rights spokesperson Pearl Lim.

"Sean Gransch has worked for World Stages for over a decade and is a trusted employee of CHOGM. The exclusion notice delivered to him yesterday unjustly removed his right to work and earn a living."

Sean Gransch is employed constructing stages for CHOGM, and it is believed his employer had wanted him to continue working today. He arrived at work and was arrested, as it was within the exclusion zone.

"Yesterday we understood the draconian and unhelpful nature of these exclusion notices. Today we see the total injustice and absurd punishment given out to members of our community" said Ms Lim.

"Sean Gransch now faces the possibility of a year in jail just for arriving at work. The Barnett government is making criminals of hardworking innocent people- and to what end?"

"How many members of our community is Barnett willing to throw in jail just to intimidate people he doesn't like, and to look tough for visiting dignitaries?"

"In April the Premier said that 'world leaders and international visitors will hopefully carry back to their respective countries an unforgettable impression of Western Australia'. In reality the impression we're getting is: 'welcome to Western Australia- be ready to get searched and be arrested.'"

Cameron Johnson, a fellow member of Forest Rescue who has also worked at CHOGM, does not understand the logic of these exclusion orders.

"Not only have they removed his freedom, but they're taking his job away too. Sean has been on the CHOGM job from the first days. He is well-qualified and trusted."

Mr Johnson has also been delivered an exclusion notice.

"I wanted to go into court to give him support but I can't because it's in the exclusion zone."

Search For Your Rights is in no way affiliated with Forest Rescue or the CHOGM Action Network

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*Search for Your Rights is a non-partisan community group of over 2,400 members, initially formed to oppose the Barnett government's stop and search laws. The group recently resolved to expand its platform to oppose further aspects of the Barnett Government's extreme law and order agenda.*

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