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Federal Government Ban on Display of Nazi Symbols etc.

On the 14th of June legislation was introduced into the Federal Parliament proposing a ban on displays, ownership etc. of all items bearing Nazi symbols e.g. the Swastika, other Nazi paraphernalia.

This apparently has been to counter the recent increase in these symbols being used to target groups within our population.

The details of the legislation can be found here, and as you may see the penalties are quite draconian.

https://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/download/legislation/bills/r7048_first-reps/toc_pdf/23077b01.pdf;fileType=application%2Fpdf

We note that on pages 22 – 23 there are a series of exemptions that cover amongst other usage historical research. However how that will apply to collectors is as yet uncertain.

In the meantime our members should contact their local Federal Member of Parliament to voice their concerns about this matter, especially as there appears to be no mention of compensation.

The Guild will prepare a detailed submission to the government setting out our concerns, and we will keep members advised of the situation.