

What Conscription is wanted for

ELECTORS OF AUSTRALIA—

You are being told by Conscriptionists that the introduction of Conscription into Australia is necessary to safeguard the Freedom of your Country! You would therefore expect to find that these People who are so anxious for your Freedom now, were the People who have always fought to safeguard your Freedom in the past.

BUT WHAT DO YOU FIND?

Does the advocacy of Conscription come from the Democratic Organisations of the Commonwealth, who have always stood for Freedom? NO!

Does it come from the great Labour Unions of Australia, who have fought for industrial and political Freedom again and again? NO!

Does it come from those individuals who in season and out of season have ever championed the cause for greater political and economic liberty for the masses of the People? NO!

On the contrary, all the influences that make for Democracy and for the greater political and economic Liberty of the People are strongly opposed to Conscription.

WHERE THEN DOES THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT CONSCRIPTION PROPOSALS COME FROM?

It comes from the large Financial and Commercial Interests, that in Peace as well as in War, have always striven to reduce the Economic and Political Liberties of the great masses of the People.

It comes from the Conservative and Reactionary Political Organisations of Australia, that have ever striven to oppose the spread of democracy in this country.

It comes from those Individuals who, in season and out of season, have always opposed the growth of Democracy, and the granting of greater Political and Economic Freedom for the Australian People.

These powers of reaction, that have always stood in the way of Freedom, now ask you in the name of Freedom to deprive yourself of the semblance of Freedom you already have. Does it appear logical that these Reactionary Powers want Conscription for safeguarding the Liberties of the People of Australia. It certainly does not!

Does it not appear more consistent with their past activities that Conscription is wanted so that, by placing the Country under Military Control, the Democratic Institutions may be destroyed?

Do not the experiences of the Central Powers prove that Conscription may be used for Industrial as well as for Military purposes, that, by military force, making the people docile and obedient, the Servile State may be inaugurated wherein the capitalist and military classes would be masters, and the great masses of the People abject slaves.

The opponents of Australian Freedom have at the present moment the greatest opportunity they ever had of destroying the liberties of the people, and they are attempting to obtain the power to do so by asking you, in the name of Freedom, to vote yourselves into Slavery.

Electors of Australia! DO NOT BE MISLED DO NOT VOTE AWAY YOUR FREEDOM VOTE NO.

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