



Australian Adam Smith Club (Melbourne)

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The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed (and hence clamorous to be led to safety) by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary.

H.L. Mencken (*In Defense of Women*, 1918)

The state "turns every contingency into a resource" for accumulating power in itself, always at the expense of social power; and with this it develops a habit of acquiescence in the people.

Albert J. Nock (*Our Enemy, The State*, 1935)

Senator James Paterson

on

Extraordinary Measures for Extraordinary Times & the Proper Limits to Government

**The Adam Smith Club will host a Zoom Meeting on Wednesday the 3rd of June, 2020
Please see below for registration.**

Senator James Paterson is a Liberal Senator for Victoria. First elected in March 2016 at age 28, Senator Paterson is the youngest ever Liberal Senator. During his time in the Senate, he has fought for free speech and religious liberty, defended Australia's sovereignty, opposed radical constitutional change, and prosecuted the case for economic reform. He is also deputy chair of the Senate Select Committee into the COVID-19 response, a committee set up to assess the government's health and economic response to the Coronavirus crisis. Prior to entering the Senate, James was Deputy Executive Director of free market think tank, the Institute of Public Affairs.

The COVID-19 lockdown in Australia has been described as a war against a virus as justification for the implementation of measures that deprive citizens of their liberties. We often hear our politicians say they are responsible to keep us safe. But is "keeping us safe" a legitimate function of government? Senator Paterson will address the Club on this & other matters, after which there will be a question & answer session.

Attendance is open to both members and non-members. Those desiring to attend should register no later than 6:00PM Wednesday 3rd of June. Attendees may join the meeting from 7:30PM.

Please register via email at asmith@adamsmithclub.org and you will receive meeting login details via return email.

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