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Good evening!

Now you can stimulate your night-times with our unfiltered blend of the latest trending stories and favourite picks from *The Spectator Australia*.

What's spicy this evening

Leading *Flat White* this morning, Queensland One Nation Senator Malcolm Roberts responds to the terrifying Digital ID Bill rushed through the Senate by Labor saying, 'You do not solve incompetence with tyranny.' He warns that Labor ministers and senators who claim Digital ID will remain voluntary and that it is 'safe and secure' are not being honest. 'This is what we mean when we say

government is the largest source of misinformation in the country. It lies by omission and conceals with a honey trap of soothing words.'

Tuesday was a day of protest in which Australians were encouraged to go and find themselves and ATM (not an easy thing to do) and withdraw cash in protest of the government's push to ban cash. Even without a cash ban, the four big banks have been closing thousands of ATMs while big businesses such as Coles and Woolworths have been desperately trying to enforce card-only payments. Well, the first thing you notice when using cash is how damn expensive everything is. 'Tap and pay' conceals the cost of goods because it feels the same to tap for \$5 as it does to tap for \$500. Handing over \$500 worth of notes certainly quickens the heart rate. Perhaps that is the underlying problem with the digital revolution – we are losing touch of the tangible world and with this disconnect comes the immediate overreach of government, sliding in underneath us.

JK Rowling has used her enormous fame to test the resolve of Humza Yousaf's lunatic hate speech laws. Yes, this is the Scottish First Minister who complained about how many 'white people' there were in meetings and positions of power – in Scotland... He was then angered by the 'racism' he received in response, when really what he was experiencing was justified fury over his ridiculous racial remarks. While the police have backed down from arresting JK Rowling regarding her 'hateful' statements upholding biological gender, Stephen Daisley warns that we shouldn't celebrate yet. This isn't over.

Why hasn't anything been said about the overreach of government into Australia's churches during Covid? A government that can stop people worshipping is a government that has gone too far. Despite the promising ruling in Queensland regarding vaccine mandates, there is nothing stopping this from happening again.

Finally, I sat down with commentator and former politician Gary Hardgrave to discuss the future of media. Will it survive in this ruthless environment of rising government censorship, Woke witch hunting mobs, and the flurry of conspiracy?

As a fun aside, Gary is also the first person to put me on TV – so we had a lot of fun with this one.

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