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Extinction Rebellion eco-warriors, the real authoritarians

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As environmental activist group Extinction Rebellion begin their August-long protest in Perth making demands for alleged climate justice, Independent MP Charles Smith has said their style of activism is ineffective and a form of eco-tyranny.

The group's activism includes talks and a Declaration at Parliament House, highlighting the need to reduce carbon dioxide emissions drastically before a looming "mass extinction" caused by government climate change inaction. Mr Smith says their Perth roll-out is an ideological brainwashing tour and any civil disobedience that disrupts locals should be kept to a minimum.

"Extinction Rebellion believe they have a 'moral duty' to rebel and make ridiculous demands to save the planet, that are designed to strip personal autonomy and subjugate us to the cult of climate activism," said Mr Smith.

According to Mr Smith, Extinction Rebellion are attempting to indoctrinate citizens and make them accountable to undemocratic global institutions.

"The group are demanding that governments must be led by decisions of a Citizens' Assembly, which means they want our daily lives to be dictated by a group of global unelected autocrats.

"The demands this group makes are authoritarian in nature leaving people with very little freedom, despite them claiming to fight oppressive forces and governments."

The group plans to make a Declaration at Parliament House on 15 August.

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