

## Defence Legislation Amendment (Enhancement of Defence Force Response to Emergencies) Bill 2020

Honourary members of the senate

This is a plea for a just, collaborative, harmonious nation state which co-operates with its neighbouring countries and the globe.

The essence of democracy is consultation and widespread input of the community.

With advanced technology and co-ordination, this not difficult to achieve.

Legislation is to guide ministers in their decisions but seeking approval from the constituents is quality representation of an MP.

Without the protection of stated legislation and lone decisions, serious mistakes can be devastating. A state of emergency needs accurate definition with examples and categories. Force and weapons against the populous of a nation state will cause successive disharmony, disarray with government and internal suspicion and friction. Is this the regressive country we wish to live in? Are these the conditions for a worthy lifestyle and community.

Defence force and police need to be held accountable or they inevitably can abuse their power.

Freedom of speech, association and dissent is pivotal to maintaining democratic principles

Yours sincerely