

Subject: submission to the Australian Citizenship Amendment (Allegiance to Australia) Bill 2015.
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Dear Parliamentarians

I wish to make the following submission to [the Australian Citizenship Amendment \(Allegiance to Australia\) Bill 2015](#).

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Abbott's terrorism

The Abbott government has finally introduced yet another piece of "terrorist" legislation, this time to remove Australian citizenship from dual nationals. Even before introducing this latest bit of dog whistling legislation into the House of Representatives it declared there would be more "terrorist" legislation to follow. Abbott wants to make the citizenship legislation retrospective.

It appears that in order to have your Australian citizenship stripped, you have to have been convicted of a "terrorist" offence by the courts, run foul of a group of *well paid to do what they're told* government lawyers in Defence, Attorney General's and Immigration, or gone to a proscribed region, joined a proscribed organisation and so forth. It is not *yet* an offence to fail to plead guilty as charged.

This grab-bag of "terrorist" legislation is supposed to make us feel safe. I don't feel safe from this encroaching ruthless bunch running the Abbott government. Just look what they are doing to Asylum seeker on Christmas Is, Manus Is and Nauru. They are intending and succeeding in driving children, women and men insane. What they are doing on Nauru and Manus is what they would do to you if you get in their way.

Well what does it mean to be an Australian you may ask? I can tell what it used to mean; these days I'm not sure anymore. But perhaps you'll get an idea if we look at the most racist State in Australia.

The Western Australia government has been allowed to declare sites previously registered as sacred sited to be declared not to be sacred and this has allowed the mining or destruction of hundreds of sacred sites.

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/backgroundbriefing/whats-sacred-now/6549614>

Young Aboriginal children in Western Australia are now 53 times more likely to be in detention than non-Indigenous children. The Western Australian government is intending to introduce more mandatory sentencing legislation that will exacerbate the number of young Aborigines in jail.

<https://newmatilda.com//2015/06/23/wa-minister-tells-parliament-hes-proud-world-beating-juvenile-jailing-rate>

The Western Australian Government is threatening to close 150 Aboriginal communities forcing the people on to the fringes of country towns. The Barnett Liberal government is maintaining a race war against Aborigines.

If Abbott had any interest safeguarding Australians it would be doing everything it could to halt the rise in Indigenous incarceration, close the health and wealth gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. It would use its legislative power over Western Australia to preserve the cultural artefacts of the original owners of this land.

It would be moving to enhance egalitarianism and closing the health gaps between the city and the bush. It would be protecting our democratic traditions not riding roughshod over them with excessive “terrorist” legislation.