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## THE LOSS OF COMMON LAW RIGHTS

I wish to lodge a protest against the ever more draconian provisions being introduced under the guise of fighting terrorists or criminals. For example, it is absurd to put the onus of proof upon the subject to show his property is legitimately his. One might have thought that the presumption of innocence implies that a man's property is legitimately his unless proven otherwise in an open Court before his peers.

The more people prattle on about our so-called human rights the fewer real rights we seem to have left to us. I despise murderers, terrorists and drug traffickers but I also despise those faceless bureaucrats who would treat us all as presumptive criminals instead of free men.

I prefer the Australia I grew up in, not this ersatz Gestapo state being implemented by dreary, graceless, legislation dreamt up by grey people with no historical, moral or psychological understanding of our precious heritage.

Let Wordsworth speak for me and, hopefully, many others -

### **It is not to be Thought of**

by William Wordsworth

It is not to be thought of that the Flood  
Of British freedom, which, to the open sea  
Of the world's praise, from dark antiquity  
Hath flowed, "with pomp of waters, unwithstood,"  
Roused though it be full often to a mood  
Which spurns the check of salutary bands,  
That this most famous Stream in bogs and sands  
Should perish; and to evil and to good  
Be lost for ever. In our halls is hung  
Armoury of the invincible Knights of old:  
We must be free or die, who speak the tongue  
That Shakespeare spake; the faith and morals hold  
Which Milton held.—In every thing we are sprung  
Of Earth's first blood, have titles manifold.

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