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This process is seriously flawed, some would say bovine excrement.

This is the third review but 98% of the submissions to the first and second reviews were simply ignored. I am not satisfied that it is worth my time making a submission.

How about reading the approximately 340 submissions that were made to Home Affairs during the first phase of consultation with the public? Or the approximately 100 submissions that were made during the formal PJCIS review?

On no planet could the PJCIS's report on the legislation be considered adequate. It was clearly designed to meet a time-frame, and a wholly unsatisfactory time-frame at that.

I will comment on one aspect: * remains proportionate to any threat of terrorism or threat to national security

This legislation was only passed because the ALP was unwilling to risk its success at the May 2019 election against the possibility of a terrorist attack over Christmas, which Home Affairs assured us was going to happen. The attack didn't happen. That isn't because of TOLA (Ass) 2018. Bad call by the ALP. This legislation has no legitimacy. It should be repealed in its entirety and the parliamentary process started again, this time with proper review and debate.

Embarrassingly for Australia, the debate has now been reframed as to whether the legislation "remains this" or "remains that" when it was never "this" or "that" in the first place. Such are the advantages of the status quo.

Last weeks media raids only serve to underscore what kind of country we have become, something that so many submissions warned of.