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To Whom It May Concern:

I'd like to outline my support for the inquiry concerning the "Anti-Terrorism Laws Reform Bill". A brief outline of my support for the Bill is provided below.

- I support the Green's Bill to pass through Parliament first, before any consideration is given to the Attorney-General's proposals for amendments.
- I support the repeal of the sedition offences because they can be applied in a discriminatory way.
- I support the proposed amendments to the definition of "terrorist act", because the current definition allows individuals to be targeted and charged on the basis of their religious or political beliefs.
- I support the repeal of the offence of 'possessing things connected to a terrorist act' and the offence of 'association with a terrorist organisation or its members'.
- I support the repeal of the presumption against bail for terrorism offences, and the 'dead time' provision for excluding investigative periods for police detention.

- Further to the above, I'd like to outline my concern and put forward my support for a further two amendments;
 - § The system for banning 'terrorist organisations' should be repealed altogether as it is an arbitrary and draconian measure.
 - § The ASIO compulsory questioning powers should also be repealed because they undermine personal freedoms and create unwarranted anxiety and fear.

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