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To the committee.

It's possibly a slight oversight that political violent extremist Scottish Rite offshoots such as the Ku Klux Clan and associated organizations were not also chosen to be added to the list and strange that they have never been considered. The Invisible State has a long history in Australia.

The enforceability of the legislation is questionable considering that the Base is a home grown organization imported from the soil of our allies and reportedly includes members among the ranks of military branches. This legislation has generally only applied to organizations that were formed outside of N.A.T.O. or Schengen Area territories with whom we do not play well. We do not host Palestinian battalions but do host members of the armed forces from other countries. Amendments will need to be made to various other bills to support the listing of The Base to enable the easy deportation of citizens or diplomatic attaché of allied countries more usually applied to champion tennis players. Exemptions to Visiting Forces arrangements and legislation will need to be made and quite frankly, the political theatre of the foreign affairs department of an allied nation demanding their exalted grand wizard back would be entertaining to say the least.

At present the legislation would likely result in vulnerable persons being radicalized by The Base being picked up without the capacity to target leadership.

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