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Inquiry into potential reforms of National Security Legislation

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Subject: Unacceptable reforms of National Security Legislation

I wish to make the following submission on the proposed reforms of the National Security Legislation:

Under the heading on page 46 of the discussion paper: **Amend the ASIO Act to create an authorised intelligence operations scheme**, it is proposed that *"the Director-General of Security to issue authorised intelligence operation certificates which would provide protection from criminal and civil liability for specified conduct for a specified period (such as 12 months)."*

The result of granting such powers to the Director-General of Security would be to place ASIO outside the law.

Governmental authorities being above the law is the definition of a ***police state***.

This is totally abhorrent to me, and it terrifies me that the Gillard government is trying to introduce this type of society into Australia by stealth.

Sincerely,

Peter Kentwell,