

To the honourable Senate Committee,
I am a 3rd year student at QUT studying Creative Industries (Drama). I am very concerned about the proposed Anti-Terrorism laws and the infringements they may cause for artists who want to explore our current cultural and political climate through art - which would include addressing terrorism. The role of art is to mirror and challenge society and it a part of what makes humans distinct from the other species. If artists cannot challenge, question and explore what the government is doing and how society is reacting then we are moving toward a dictatorship and loosing our rights to freedom and a good life that we are trying so hard to protect with these laws. I urge the senate committee to consider individual's right to speak out and be able to challenge ideas.
Sincerely
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"To be a citizen does not mean merely to live in society, but to transform it. If I transform the clay into a statue, I become a Sculptor; if I transform the stones into a house, I become an architect; if I transform our society into something better for us all, I become a citizen." - Augusto Boal