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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee
The Senate
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

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Dear Secretary,

Submission: Anti-Terrorism Bill 2005 No. 2 (Cth)

I would like to express my concern about the hasty passage and contents of the above-named Bill.

The speed with which this Bill is passing through the Parliament causes serious concern. It seems that constructive criticism of the Bill is coming largely from private individuals or groups that have little funding. Making legislation on the hoof is not a recipe for sound law.

I have concern about the seriousness, or otherwise, of the present Parliament being able to reflect adequately upon the Bill, or whether the Parliament will take the recommendations of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee seriously.

I will not repeat here the many criticisms of this Bill which have been made more ably by others. Suffice to say that I have read and approve the submissions already made by Mrs Candice Trevor, the Australian Council for Civil Liberties, the Australian Banker's Association and Mr Joo-Cheong Tham & Others.

Yours sincerely,

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