

We deplore the proposed anti-terrorism legislation:

a.. It is an over-reaction to a perceived threat that could be dealt with under existing law enforcement provisions

a.. In so far as it denies human rights it is in conflict with our international obligations

b.. The denial of human rights is a victory for terrorism

c.. It gives arbitrary power to officials with insufficient judicial review processes

d.. Minority and vulnerable groups are likely to be adversely affected

a.. Much more time needs to be given to parliamentary and public debate with greater government transparency

b.. In the long run it demonstrates the need for a Bill of Rights to be incorporated into our Constitution

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