

Committee Secretary, Senate & Constitutional Committee,

We wish to register our strongest opposition to the proposed Anti-Terrorist Bill 2005. It flies in the face of all the fundamental principles of human rights, justice and the rule of law that is the mainstay of Australian society that many have sacrificed to defend over time.

Our present Crimes Act, Criminal Codes have proven themselves this last week to be adequate and effective for all situations. A Head of Security at a Senate Hearing earlier this year substantiated their adequacy.

Whilst terrorism in all its forms is covered in the Criminal Code, protection for people from "State Terrorism" is sadly missing and this needs to be addressed.

We respectfully urge you to reject this draconian and authoritarian proposal in the interest of our nation and our people. Failure to do so will ensure that future generations and history will judge us harshly.

Your Sincerely,

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