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I am writing to express my extreme concern re the Anti-Terrorist Legislation that is being rushed through our Parliament without proper debate.

Of particular concern is the use of the word 'sedition'.

The Dictionary meaning of this word is all-encompassing, and thereby leaves Australian citizens open to legal concerns, depending on the Government of the time, or the law enforcement agencies of the time.

We pride ourselves on having free speech, and in a true Democracy this should remain paramount.

As Martin Luther King once said:

"Bad things happen when good men say nothing."

I urge the Senate Committee to slow down the passing of this new legislation until true and proper debate can be held.

The only proper outcome after this would be for the Bill to be withdrawn altogether.

Yours faithfully,

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