

To: The Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee

As a writer and teacher of writing I would like to register my profound dismay at the Anti-Terrorism Bill, and, in particular, the sedition legislation that the Government is contemplating. The wide and vague definition of 'sedition' is open to abusive interpretation, and any comic or satirical statement deemed critical, iconoclastic or subversive of government could potentially be deemed 'seditious'. It would be a shameful day for all those of us who say they stand for democratic rights, let alone freedom of artistic expression, were such legislation passed.

Yours sincerely
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