

Dear Committee,

I am deeply concerned about the possible impact of the proposed Anti Terrorist legislation upon free speech in Australia. As someone who has worked in the artworld for many years I am particularly concerned about its impact upon artists who constantly challenge and explore deeper political issues in their work. From my understanding the sedition clause in this legislation will lay anyone speaking out or enquiring about certain political issues open to possible misunderstanding. This would challenge one of our basic democratic rights in this country.

I urge you to further examine this law and to expose it to as much public enquiry as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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