



SUBMISSION ON THE TERRORISM EXTRAORDINARY POWERS BILL 2005

From Dr Chrissy Sharp

Dear Senators

- 1) Given that the period for public submissions closes today in just a few hours I have had no time to read the Bill personally. So my first point is to complain that inadequate time has been provided for this inquiry, given the serious nature of the changes that it will usher in. It is absolutely appalling that a Bill that removes fundamental human rights should be expedited through Parliament with virtually no time for Parliamentary scrutiny or public debate on the key matters at law.
- 2) I am particularly concerned at what appears to be the removal of the right of habeas corpus. I am not a lawyer, but as an ordinary Australian citizen I am aware that habeas corpus has been a fundamental right underpinning the rule of law since medieval times. Given the hurried nature of the debate, and the

extremely serious nature of the proposed provisions in the Bill it makes me feel that this is an historic moment for our Parliament and our country, one in which we are taking the first steps to a form of fascist government. I am absolutely horrified at what is taking place.

This is the first time that I have ever sent a submission to the Federal Parliament. I only hope that good men and women in the Senate stand up against the proposed removal of established and fundamental democratic rights.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chrissy Sharp', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Chrissy Sharp 11/11/05
(signed copy in the mail)