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Australia has been a reasonably harmonious country since Colonial rule ended. 22 deaths have been caused by political violence in 104 years (Clive Williams ANU) compared with over 100,000 volunteers killed abroad in warfare, a larger number on the roads and 36 toddlers in drives in the last 20 years. In none of these cases have laws been considered necessary to prevent slaughter.

Treason and sedition laws are unnecessary and can be used in an arbitrary way. Witness the events of 11 November when former External Affairs minister was voted out of Parliament for 'seditious and disloyal' utterances. This was reminiscent of a Republic for Australia and Irish rule in Ireland which came within a month. The Colclough born Lynch was tried for Treason in 1903 and sentenced to hang by his neck until he was dead (not as 100 years before to be taken down alive and have unspeakable things done to his person). Sir Gordon G. in 1909, was elected to the Mother of Parliaments. In 1776 George Washington and his followers were undoubtedly guilty of treason for raising arms against the sovereign (Edward III, <sup>1351</sup> ~~1351~~). One year's terrorist as another's hero.

Terror in present times can be prevented by humane relationships with people. Australia can be instrumental in a Marshall Plan 2006-10 for the whole Middle East. War is engaged in solely on Security Council approval (as ANZUS Treaty) and approved by both Houses (see Canada 1939).

Proposals re Laws

- ① Repeal of all laws relating to Sedition.
- ② Repeal of all laws relating to Treason from 1351.
- ③ Repeal of all laws which deny habeas Corpus.
- ④ Repeal of all laws relating to Terrorist organisations.

