



Re: Please oppose the anti-terror laws

26/10/05

Dear MP,

I am writing you this letter not just to oppose the 'anti-terror' laws that our Prime Minister Howard is attempting to rush through Parliament but to request that you help safeguard our dwindling democracy where freedom of speech and civil rights will be even further restricted.

I urge you to help improve Australia's democracy by representing the many Australians who do not support Howard's abuse of the democratic system.

Australia for the last few decades has been open to debate which has enabled healthy development of our society. This is represented by Malcolm Fraser and past Labor Prime Ministers currently opposing these laws. The very essence of being a democratic nation is being challenged at the moment while many Australians are not being heard or correctly represented by their member of local parliament. I urge you to correct this and to represent the many Australians who are opposed to these draconian laws that Howard is trying to rush through Parliament with minimal respect for state MPs and their electorates' opinions.

Specifically I urge you to oppose:

The 5 year imprisonment for violation of control orders
The fact no evidence is needed to place an individual under house arrest
Imprisonment of many innocent people
The fact it is based on assumption and not evidence
The use of information prior to 2002 to convict an innocent individual
Monitoring of innocent people who support charity and may be assumed of financing terrorist organizations which will result in up to a 15 year imprisonment
Please provide a real democratic alternative at the next election by opposing these extreme laws which will only serve to increase the risk of terrorism by further marginalizing members of society and alienating them.

I look forward to you representing my concerns in parliament.

Sincerely yours,