

Dear Senate Legal & Constitutional Committee,

As someone committed to true liberalism I am deeply disturbed by these new sedition laws.

There is no greater contempt for democracy than these new sedition laws. Totalitarian governments have such laws.

These sedition laws are malicious and reveal the government's and the opposition's cynical view of Australian citizens.

A threat to Australia from terrorism does exist and the terrorists have extracted their revenge on Australians in Bali under the noses of our intelligence operatives.

Whereas an active recruitment of linguistically diverse Australians, particularly loyal Muslim-Australians, should have been the order of the day since 9/11, yet this government (and the opposition), have manipulated the independence of our intelligence services, our federal police and army, to garnish a populist agenda.

What are the government and opposition really saying to us? Do they not feel confident about the capacities of our intelligence and police services that they have to impose these new Draconian laws?

Why should we trust a government and opposition which have been so complicit in lying about Tampa and the children over-board?

This is not Australian democracy! I urge all Australians regardless of their party politics and private values to fight these laws