

To Whom It May Concern - for it definitely concerns our household!

We wish to vehemently protest against the proposed legislation on many grounds.

Namely that:

The proposed legislation is a direct infringement of basic human rights.

It will encourage an age of 'McCarthyism' in this country that we should all reject outright. We would wish that the mainly anonymous architects of this sort of legislation be locked up under their own proposed conditions and see how they feel about it after no one comes looking for them.

The proposed legislation incites an atmosphere of Terror with all the FUD Factor (Fear, Uncertainty & Doubt). The Government should be instead trying to do something about bringing our troops home and publicly denouncing the Bush Administration's cynical War on Terror that was promoted on the basis of non-existent Weapons of Mass Destruction. The Government's time should be more reasonably spent clearing up our disgusting immigration detention centre policy.

The proposed legislation incites racial discrimination. We would hope that both God and Allah protect Australia's Muslem community in the face of it. It feels to us that the rascist One Nation party has invaded the Government.

The Sedition part of the legislation has been well examined in the Saturday 5th October SMH article titled 'And Look What Happened to Him' - (page 30 - News Review). Lord knows that writing letters like this in the future, or carrying out my job as a film editor could well be enough to get me locked up and the key thrown away, should the powers that be decide that my motives are seditious. We certainly have our concerns for any trade unionist's future where this legislation and the proposed Industrial Relations legislation overlap - Let alone anyone suspected of 'an' act of terror, not even 'the' terrorist act, or even worse, anyone that doesn't even know what they don't know.

We are bitterly disappointed in the haste and the secrecy recently surrounding the proposed Anti Terror and IR Legislation. Why do we have to be rushed if there is nothing to hide and we are to be allowed input into something that affects each and every Australian in the coming years.

We are totally disgusted and have been for a very long time with the Howard era of Government. While we did not always agree with Malcolm Fraser, Bill Hayden or even Gough Whitlam, Bob Hawke or Paul Keating, they always had the best interests of Australia at heart, and never sold the populace out to best interests external often to the country apropos the USFTA . These past Prime Minister's to a man, had basic human rights as a tenet and a personal belief.

Can anyone in politics reasonably expect the proposed framework for either legislation to have at best, a benign effect?

If this is the Government we deserve because the Australian people voted them in, then I suspect that the Australian people will be choosing to support their individual State Governments claim to claw back power from the Federal parliament in the very near future - Secession may be our only hope if the Lower House and Senate can't function independently of Howard's cynical, arrogant, right wing who have very little real Christian spirit about them.

Look at how the aid agencies are having to scabble for every last cent because there are so many in the community needing help. There is a greater degree of emphasis on profits over contributing to the community, the arts and infrastructure by this government - Government sanctioned Corporate Greed is short term rape and pillage - with long term results.

Please do not allow either of these monstrously conceived Anti-Terror or Industrial Relations bills through the Lower House let alone the Senate or a very uniquely Australian way of life will disappear for ever. As we all know laws aren't generally repealed, once they make it through.

Australians have being through and lost the 'Age of Innocence' in NY, Bali and London. We ended our 'Age of Reason' when we fell for the WMD lies - hook, line and sinker and have shamefully allowed John Howard to continue to support the Bush Administration. But sadly, now we are about fall into step with all the regimes we have criticised from our past place in the sun.

Please help defeat this proposed legislation and excise this way of thinking from our duly elected political parties.

Yours sincerely

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