

THE ANTI- TERRORISM (No 2) BILL 2005

Submission to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee

Like most of my fellow Australians of the silent majority, my normal practice is to rely on the good sense of our democratic systems and elected representatives to care for our nation's values and aspirations. However, given the extraordinary barrage of opposition to the provisions of this bill, being pushed through the media by the liberalist left, I find it necessary to request that my simple, straightforward view be presented to this committee. I add that opportunity for me to read this bill, and seek expert advice as necessary, limits me to this simple approach.

I am not sure that all Australians fully comprehend the dangers we face from this nasty new threat to our open, wonderful way of life. It is so radically different from anything we have known in the past. We now have an evil enemy in our midst: hate filled, underground, savage, mindless movements that know no bounds to human values or behaviour.

The average Australian is only too willing to make the sacrifice of some limitations on personal liberties, in the greater interests of a nation better protected from the random violence of terrorists. Furthermore, it is certainly not wrong for terrorist leaders and operatives to lose some of the liberties they have enjoyed to date in this great country, liberties that have provided them with a shield to allow a relatively secure environment to plan their evil assaults on the innocent.

I ask that the committee recommend endorsement to this bill in full.

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