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Dear Ms Dennett

INTELLIGENCE SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2011

I wish to make a submission to the Senate Legal and Affairs Committee Inquiry into the Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2011.

I have concerns about Item 3 in relation to the definition of foreign intelligence where it is proposed that activities of *any* person or group outside Australia can be investigated by ASIO where it is determined that Australia's national security is affected.

I believe that the proposed amendments are too broad and will greatly increase ASIO's powers to gather information about any individual and will greatly increase the chances of unwarranted investigations that will undermine an individual's right to privacy and freedom.

It is for this reason that I object to Item 3 of the Bill.

Yours sincerely

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