

To The Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee:

The paragraph below constitutes my submission to the Committee's inquiry on the **Australian Crime Commission Amendment (Criminology Research) Bill 2016 [Provisions]**

"Successive Australian Governments have relied on information control and prevarication to subvert our democracy, and to conceal human rights violations committed in the name of the Australian public. The proposed legislation to strip the Australian Institute of Criminology of the last vestiges of independence is entirely consistent with this strategy. The AIC should remain a statutory agency. Indeed, its remit should be broadened to include monitoring of deaths in immigration detention, as part of its deaths in custody monitoring program."

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