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Inquiry into potential reforms of National Security Legislation

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EQUIPPING AUSTRALIA AGAINST EMERGING AND EVOLVING THREATS
A Discussion Paper to accompany consideration by the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security
of a package of national security ideas comprising proposals for telecommunications interception reform,
telecommunications sector security reform and Australian intelligence community legislation reform
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Submission regarding the PJCIS package of national security ideas for July 2012.

With regard to the proposals in this discussion document;

I do not believe the government has any moral or legal right to access private information and/or correspondence, to, from or between persons in Australia or overseas.

And further, I believe that the current immoral and illegal status quo, regarding the collection of private information/correspondence, lacks any oversight for the very reason that it is, in fact, well known by the agencies involved, to be immoral and illegal.

I strongly feel that it is in the interests of our society that agencies, be they Government and private/commercial should have NO legal backing for the gathering/dissemination of private information.

This most especially applies to ASIO, an organisation that has proved nothing as to its effectiveness, or usefulness, other than its desire for more and more secret powers.

I feel this particular organisation is a blight on this country, and will come to be as dangerous to our freedoms, as similar agencies, in other countries have in the past, and are right now in the various 'hotspots' of institutional torture.

I see nothing in this document "EQUIPPING AUSTRALIA AGAINST EMERGING AND EVOLVING THREATS " that promises any hope for a more enlightened and equal society in this nation.

Instead what I see is more of this idea of promoting terror to enable 'empire building' within agencies and corporations for their own short term benefit at the cost of the health, welfare and happiness of the people of this country.

It is really such a pity that so many resources will be spent on such a negative process when we have an extremely important situation, namely climate change, that is in dire need of action, in which are very species is at risk, but this committee and all its attendant procedures will further drain attention and action from what matters most.

I truly despair for our species.

Sincerely,

Carl Mather.