



Submission No 72

Inquiry into potential reforms of National Security Legislation

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To the Committee

Re: Inquiry into potential reforms of National Security Legislation

As an Australian citizen, I want my democratic rights protected, as enshrined in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

"Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers."

The case has not been adequately made by the government as to why the proposed new security powers are needed. They are based on the flawed assumption that all Australians are suspects, not citizens. I call on the Parliamentary Committee to reject the proposed package of national security reforms for telecommunications interception, telecommunications sector security and Australian intelligence community legislation.

Thank you for your time.

Yours faithfully
Stuart Knox