



# Submission No 16

## **Inquiry into potential reforms of National Security Legislation**

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Submission to the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Intelligence and Security.

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1. At the forefront of the Government's commitment to Australia is protecting our national security.

***How ridiculous is this statement? The current Government has opened our borders to any person who wishes to arrive by boat. The Captain Emad affair shows the total lack of border security.***

2. The desirability of comprehensive, consistent and workable laws and practices to protect the security and safety of Australia, its citizens and businesses,

***Clearly this is just an attack on freedom of speech, this Government is only interested in stopping citizens from meaningful protest and discussion of the Government's failures to act in an honest and competent manner.***

3. Applying tailored data retention periods for up to 2 years for parts of a data set, with specific timeframes taking into account agency priorities and privacy and cost impacts

***This is the real agenda, total invasion of privacy of the citizen. And lets keep the records of all communication between private citizens for at least 2 years. Given the incompetence of Australia's Security services that time period will need to be increased to at least 10 years if they are to have a chance to digest them.***

***There will certainly be plenty of dissent around many of the proposals in this Committee's terms of reference, I can only hope that common sense will prevail but given the record of the last 4 years I doubt it.***

***David Turner.***