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Submission on proposed Antiterrorism Legislation.

I believe that Australia already has adequate laws to deal with people who may commit acts of terrorism. The reasons that I believe that the proposed new legislation is excessive are as follows:

Discrimination

The proposed laws appear to discriminate against Muslims. It should be remembered that many Australians have suffered discrimination in this country, as migrants and members of other unpopular groups. Discrimination is understood in this country and may not be tolerated as this proposed legislation seems to contemplate.

Democracy

Democracy should mean the right to justice. True justice should be transparent. People should not be taken into custody and held without legitimate charges. People should have the right to freely discuss matters that the government of the day does not agree with.

Fear

A government that tries to rule by fear will only drive disaffected people underground. Rule by fear is doomed to failure.

Example

The proposed legislation has nothing to be admired or copied. The standard of living in Australia is heading down the road of oppressive dictatorships.

Yours sincerely
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