I do not believe that Australia needs additional legislation for this purpose. As the Democrats and Greens have pointed out, our current legislation is adequate. Further, I do not believe that Australia is in any more danger than it has been for decades. The danger is being beefed up by Bush, Howard et.al. This is not toignore what has already happened, eg Bali etc, but we have already been informed that a number of planned attacks in Australia have been prevented – using our current laws.

The main problem is the contravention of basic human rights which is embodied in the proposed legislation. I agree with you that it is ordinary Australians who will be harmed through the operation of this legislation.

Yours sincerely,

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