For the attention of the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs now considering the Security legislation.

Would the Committee please address itself to these questions:

- 1. How are the new laws going to prevent terrorism? The existing laws appear adequate.
- $2.\ \mbox{The new laws appear inconsistent with Australia's committment to its International Human Rights obligations.$

Detention without charge or trial by a court answerable to the Australian legal system is a gross denial of an individual's legal rights.

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