

"These provisions have the potential to subvert entirely the conventional protections and established civil rights that our system has put in place over the last 200 years"

Ian Harrison, SC, President NSW Bar Association

Speakers

Mark Cox - Lawyer

(a legal perspective)

Dr Carmen Lawrence

(a view from the House of Representatives)

Senator Rachel Siewert

(a view from the Senate)



Laws of terror

A PUBLIC FORUM

TO DISCUSS FEDERAL AND STATE ANTI-TERROR LEGISLATION

Three representatives from civil society organisations will offer their perspective on the legislation. Speakers will present for one hour in total with the remaining time available for questions, comment and discussion.

Friday November 4th 2005

5.45pm-7.45pm

Social Sciences Lecture Theatre
University of WA

Parking available from Hackett Drive
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More and more Australians are deeply troubled about the unprecedented powers contained in the Federal Government's draft anti-terrorism legislation. Powers include house arrest, wearing of tracking devices, an expanded definition of sedition, detention of juveniles, shoot to kill provisions and further restrictions on the media. Never before has such an important piece of legislation been presented to the Parliament with such little scrutiny and public discussion. As a recent Age Editorial suggested, the manner in which these changes are being handled is reminiscent of repressive regimes.

This Forum is being organised by a variety of civil society groups and organisations concerned about the lack of public scrutiny and discussion and the withholding of information about the Commonwealth draft anti-terrorism legislation and its interface with State based legislation. The Forum is being held to coincide with the presentation of the Bill to the Federal Parliament.

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