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Opposition to the *Anti-Terrorism Bill* (2005)

We, the undersigned, wish to express our concern regarding the proposed amendments to the law introduced by the *Anti-Terrorism Bill* (2005). Of particular concern are the provisions relating to:

- 14 day detention without charge;
- house arrest for 12 months or more;
- detention of children between the ages of 16 and 18;
- the lack of any meaningful review by a court;
- the erosion of the right to the presumption of innocence and a proper legal defence; and
- the erosion of the right to freedom of speech.

We, the undersigned, respect the role that governments must play in protecting the security of their citizens, but also believe that the rights and privileges enjoyed by Australians are not best protected in the long term by the removal of basic civil liberties and human rights.

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