

# Terror laws - ASIO, counter-terrorism and the threat to democracy

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## Australia has enacted 82 anti

Historically, such concerns are not misplaced. Read more: In the five years since then, 19 more anti-terrorism laws have been passed.

## Five reasons terror laws wreck media freedom and democracy

It is threatening to vitiate democracy itself, reducing politics to security, and democracy to mere formality. Yet just months after the passage of this extensively amended Act, the Attorney-General renewed his claims that ASIO needed stronger powers.

## Terror Laws: Asio, Counter

The idea of managing the threat of terrorism, in the sense that some degree of terrorism is acceptable or at least to be expected, might seem politically unpalatable. Instead of it automatically ceasing when people engage in terror-related conduct, the minister would have the sole power to decide if they should be stripped of their citizenship. It is suggested that minority communities could fall victim to racial and religious discrimination in conjunction with racial profiling Weinberg, 2019.

## Terror Laws: Asio, Counter

It focuses on seeking to punish individuals or groups based on an act or event that may happen. This argued need for balancing apparently competing interests has become a dominant theme in recent developments in counter-terrorism.

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In Australia, the third critical element of alongside prevention and deterrence, is resilience Dechesne, 2013. In the earlier development of counter-terrorism, Australia drew heavily on the British model, despite clear differences in the nature and extent of political violence.

## **Hocking, Jenny**

It is pertinent at this time, as we face contemporary challenges to democratic rights and associated legal principles, to reassess this era and this extraordinary Bill. Australian Communist Party v Commonwealth ; Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee, Parliament of Australia, Inquiry into the Security Legislation Amendment Terrorism Bill 2002 No 2 and Related Bills 2002 82. This links into the concept of a prescribed security zone McCulloch, 2011.

### **When terrorism outlaws democracy**

We've got to trust the fact that they are using their powers widely, that there is really a threat, and maybe that can be justified in the short-term, but certainly I wouldn't want to see that type of power extended permanently as they're currently seeking.

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