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Parliament is moving to make extraordinary ASIO powers permanent.

Here's what Australians should know:

No proper judicial approval: Questioning warrants are approved by the Attorney-General rather than a court judge, raising serious rule-of-law concerns.

Forced questioning without criminal charge: ASIO can compel people to answer questions even if they have not been charged with any crime. You can be held for 24 hours. Refusing to answer can carry serious penalties, including up to 5 years of imprisonment.

Secrecy & limited legal rights: People can face secrecy restrictions about being detained and questioned, while lawyers can have limited ability to intervene and can even be removed.

Children as young as 14 can be targeted: The legislation keeps powers allowing compulsory questioning of minors as young as 14 – despite concerns these powers are unnecessary and disproportionate.

Permanent post-9/11 emergency powers: These powers were introduced as temporary measures after 9/11. This bill would remove the sunset clause and make them permanent.

Tell Senators to oppose this bill now.

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